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## Nine press awards Townsman among best in New England

The *Andover Townsman* was honored on Saturday with nine editorial awards for being one of the best newspapers in New England.

The *Townsman* collected top weekly-newspaper honors for both its spot news photography and its news coverage of a social issue, at the New England Press Association's annual awards dinner.

Competing against all weekly and daily newspapers in New England, the *Townsman* was also honored for "First Amendment Reporting," for a package of editorials and stories showing its efforts to open up Andover government. This package included the *Townsman* uncovering that the School Committee had agreed to extend the superintendent's contract during a secret session, and that the committee did not share this information with the public. "When a newspaper is used to right a wrong, the First Amendment is truly being upheld. Keep up the good work!" said the NEPA judges.

NEPA is an association of more than 460 newspapers in the six-state region, and there were more than 6,000 entries this year across the daily and weekly categories. The *Townsman* won the most awards of any weekly.

In the first eight categories listed below, the *Townsman* competed against other weekly

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## Sick-time buy-back gives average town retiree \$30,000

By Andrea Gregory

It pays to be healthy — especially come retirement time.

Since 1998, Andover taxpayers have paid out more than \$1.7 million to buy back the unused sick time of 61 retiring town employees.

The town predicts that 17 employees will retire between

now and the end of next fiscal year (June 30, 2006). Their accumulated sick time is expected to add another \$751,000 to that total.

Town Accountant Rod Smith said he expects 11 of these 17 town employees might retire in FY06. He wants to have \$600,000 available during FY06

to cover their unused sick time, which the town will also have to buy back.

Smith would not say who might depart, but he knows the cost of unused sick time can add up. "That's about \$56,000 apiece," said Smith.

On average, employees who have retired since 1998 have

each been given about \$30,000 for unused sick time. Smith said the amount varies from employee to employee, but under the current contracts the town knows what to expect.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski said buying back sick days is a topic that has come up during contract negotiations.

He would not comment on current contract negotiations or say if lowering or capping the number of days the town will buy back is something that is currently under consideration.

"It's not so much sick time, as it is a 30-year career," that's responsible for the large amount

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## FINGERPRINTING KIDS



Abigail Reed, 3, has her fingerprints scanned at Little Sprouts Day Care on Webster Street. Some parents create files with their children's information, including fingerprints, so that they can share the files with law enforcement in case of an emergency. Story, page 4.

## SCHOOL RACE

# Then there were two

By Rita Savard

The town's only contested race for election 2005 just became smaller.

One week after nomination papers were filed, School Committee candidate David Hastings decided to drop out of the race on Monday to throw his full campaign support to the only other newcomer, local periodontist David Samuels.

Hastings, a former Affordable Housing Committee member and jazz musician, said that after a lengthy phone conversation with Samuels early Monday morning, he made the "difficult" decision to concede.

"We're on the same page with many of the challenging issues that Andover public schools are currently facing," Hastings said. "It's as much his approach and style to be cooperative, collaborative and creative, as mine is. I'm hoping the people who care for me and care about me understand that if both David and I ran, we'd be splitting the same vote and our collective views would not be heard."

Hastings said Samuels has his full support and he will be an active presence in helping him win the three-year term for School Committee.

While Hastings has not yet filed official paperwork to withdraw from the race, he has until next Friday to submit his decision to the town clerk's office.

Samuels, who has owned and operated a dental practice at 2 Stevens St. since 1990, said having Hastings' support is "truly an honor."

"When we spoke, it was a heartfelt, warm and very supportive call, and we realized very quickly that some of our campaign issues were parallel."

Samuels said.

Samuels will now go head-to-head with incumbent Christopher Smith, to debate the best solutions for overcoming some of the school district's toughest obstacles. Once Smith discovered Hastings left the lineup, he said he was pleased that there was still a contender for his seat.

"I applaud anyone who's going to take the initiative to support public education in such a prominent and public way," Smith said.

Top priorities for both candidates include ongoing teacher contract negotiations and the school budget.

## SAMUELS VS. SMITH

### On negotiations

"I'm closely following the teacher-contract negotiations and continuing to learn about the specific details," Samuels said, adding that he believes his experience as a trained professional mediator would help bring a "quick and satisfying resolution" to contract negotiations.

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## YOUTH CENTER

# Problems seen with TM article

By Andrea Gregory

Andover teens' hopes of using a trash-money windfall to help the Andover Youth Foundation build a youth center took a hit from Town Counsel Tom Urbelis this week. Urbelis wrote that an article sponsored by teens seems in opposition to a previous Town Meeting vote, and the deal struck between the private AYF and the town.

Brayden Hass, 18, a senior at Andover High School, is leading a group of teens to this year's Town Meeting. Their goal is to use an article to lay claim to a multi-million dollar return Andover will be receiving from its long-term investment in a

trash incinerator. Hass's article asks voters to put the expected \$2.4 million to \$2.8 million return into an account to help create the youth center AYF has pledged to build with private money.

But Urbelis noted that the article does not specify who would be responsible for building the center. If AYF still intends to handle the project, using the money would be at odds with a 2000 Special Town Meeting agreement stating construction by AYF will take place "with no town funds." Town Meeting approved giving town land to AYF for the building under this condition.

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## On fees, parents fighting mad

By Rita Savard

Controversy surrounding Superintendent Claudia Bach's proposed fee increases is now prompting parents to take action with town government.

"Parents feel they are being doubly taxed," said Diane Costagliola, president of Andover High's Parent Action Committee. "There's going to be a tremendous amount of advocacy, not only directed toward the School Committee and school administration, but to the town manager and selectmen. This is not just a school issue, but a town issue as well."

Fee hikes across the board, from school transportation and parking to all-day kindergarten, have sparked concern and anger among many parents.

When user fees were initially introduced into the school budget, Costagliola said "everyone" was in agreement that having fees was a better alternative to cutting programs.

"But now we feel the parents have been taken advantage of," said the PAC president. "And there's no effort being made to find another solution."

The superintendent said she agrees that parents are being double taxed, but is hard pressed to find alternatives.

"The budget situation is dire," Bach said. "The fees we're raising are for every program we hope to sustain, so we don't have to cut others."

Costagliola said some of the fee increases are more puzzling to parents than others.

"When you pay a bus fee and full-day kindergarten, you're paying for a service and a program," she said. "But when you're paying for a parking spot, no one is servicing us. No one is paying for car insurance or repairs and that's why that particular fee seems so outrageous."

With more than half of the high school's 1,700 students involved in sports and extra-curricular activities after school, Costagliola said having a car does become a necessity, since there is no more late bus as a result of previous budget cuts.

User fees for a high school parking space will triple next year under the superintendent's budget, climbing from \$100 to

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# Tops in New England

## AWARD-WINNING PAPER

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newspapers.

The *Townsmen's* nine awards are:

- First place, spot news photo, Tim Jean, for a photograph capturing the community's heartbreak over the loss of PFC Evan O'Neill.

- First place, social issues feature story, Ben Hellman, with judges writing, "In an onslaught of gay-marriage stories, this one stood out as a clear winner."

- Second place, health reporting, Ben Hellman, for a story about salt levels in the town's drinking water supply.

- Third place, arts and entertainment reporting, Andrea Gregory, for a story about a women's drumming circle that judges considered "a unique idea covered by a unique story."

- Third place, human interest feature story, Judy Wakefield, for a story about a couple who sold their house and took a trip around the world.

- Third place, health

reporting, Judy Wakefield, for a story about schools selling doughnuts to raise funds, which judges noted "shows the breakdown between state government and local officials on the very important topic of obesity."

- Third place, environmental reporting, Ben Hellman.

- Third place, educational reporting, Ben Hellman.

- Third place, 1st Amend-



No weekly newspaper earned more awards than the *Townsmen*.

ment reporting, in the combined class of all papers. The package included editorials and columns by editor Neil Fater and news articles by reporters Andrea Gregory and Ben Hellman. Hellman now writes for the *Gloucester Daily Times*, which was also honored by NEPA.

In fact, the *Andover Townsman* and *Gloucester Daily Times* were two of several Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co. newspapers to receive multiple NEPA awards, including the *Salem News* and *The Daily News of Newburyport*.

The *Eagle-Tribune* received numerous awards, including first place in its daily category for general excellence, health reporting, history reporting, photo illustration, and for a special section previewing the New Hampshire presidential primary.

The *Derry News* won a total of seven awards, the *Haverhill Gazette* took home five awards, and *Town Crossings* won a first-place award for a local color advertisement.

# Buy-back is costly annual expense

## SICK-TIME BENEFIT

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of sick time the town buys back, he said.

Stapczynski said he would rather employees save up the days than frivolously use them, since fire and police positions must be filled at time and a half. "I certainly think it's cheaper," he said.

Every town employee receives 15 sick days per year. Unlike vacation time, the town does not have a use-it-or-lose-it policy for sick days. By the time employees are eligible for retirement, it is possible for them to have accumulated hundreds of unused sick days. When it comes time to cash those in, they receive thousands of dollars to cap their careers.

Smith said he already has more than 200 unused sick days on the books. Under his contract, he could receive cash for about 120 of them, he said.

This year, Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve adding \$400,000 through taxation or transfer of available funds to the Accumulated Employee Benefit Account to help continue paying these benefits. The account currently has a balance of \$387,000. Smith said that, in the past, the money usually has been drawn from "free cash" or some sort of reserve fund. The motion made at Town Meeting should specify where the money will come from.

If the article fails, taxpayers will still be obligated to cover the cost, but the town would have to find another way to pay for the benefits, such as

through unfilled vacancies, layoffs or other cuts.

Each contract dictates a percentage of employees' sick time that the town is responsible to cover upon retirement, Smith said. Smith said it varies from contract to contract, but "I have a contractual obligation to pay."

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1999	\$300,000	\$315,500
2000	\$300,000	\$249,500
2001	\$300,000	\$349,500
2002	\$300,000	\$152,000
2003	\$250,000	\$198,000
2004	\$300,000	\$163,000
2005	\$400,000 (PENDING)	\$271,000 (PLUS AN ESTIMATED \$151,000, TO INCREASE TOTAL TO \$422,000)
2006	TBA	\$600,000* (ESTIMATED)

# Nuns, Avalon seek Superior judgment

By Andrea Gregory

A group of nuns and an affordable housing developer are asking the courts to speed up the process in their lawsuits against the town.

The two groups filed a motion for summary judgment on their case with Superior

Court on Feb. 1.

The court could soon decide if Town Meeting had the right to rescind an earlier Town Meeting vote giving the properties permission to hook up to town sewer.

At 2003 Town Meeting, Town Counsel Tom Urbels and

others warned that reversing the 1997 Town Meeting agreement could bring repercussions. However, their warning had little effect on the vote.

In April 2004, the Poor Clare Sisters and Ch. 40B developer AvalonBay filed a joint suit against the town for rescinding the agreement to connect their properties to town sewer.

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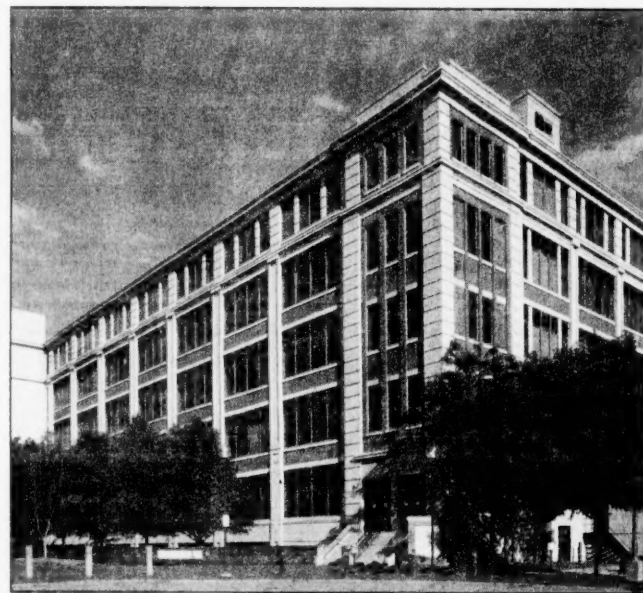
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## IN BRIEF

## PAST AND PRESENT



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In 1957, Main Street businesses City Cleaners and the Snack Shoppe were flanked by Michael Jay's Shop (at left) and the W.R. Hill Hardware. Both the stores and the buildings on that area of Main Street have changed considerably since then.

Dollars for Scholars  
check-off on tax bill

Residents have probably noticed that small box in the upper right hand corner of their tax bills. It asks Andover residents to make a voluntary contribution to either the Tax Relief Fund or the Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Fund.

Although it is sometimes assumed that families in Andover have sufficient resources to fund higher education, that is not always the case, say Dollars for Scholars supporters.

Each spring the Andover chapter of Dollars for Scholars distributes scholarships to residents who are full-time students in post-secondary educational programs and who have demonstrated need and merit. To apply for a Dollars for Scholars scholarship Andover residents must complete an application which will be available as of March 15 on-line at [www.andoverma.gov](http://www.andoverma.gov), or at the guidance department at Andover High School, Phillips Academy, at Town Offices, and at Memorial Hall Library.

## Tag, you're it

Dog license renewal notices were sent to resident dog owners in mid-December.

More than 1,540 dogs have been licensed, however, there are many dogs that have not yet been licensed. If they are not licensed by March 1, the administration fee of \$2 per month will begin.

Residents can register their dogs at the town clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Questions? Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8257.

## Easter Seals volleyball

Registration has started for Easter Seals Volleyball for Independence, to be played at sites all over Massachusetts in February, March and April. In Andover, games are scheduled for Merrimack College on March 9 and 10.

Any business or group can register a team by calling the Easter Seals Volleyball Hotline at 800 922-8290, Ext. 306 for information.

## Quote, unquote . . .

**YOUNGER KIDS ARE OFTEN** under the impression that the majority of older kids are engaging in negative behaviors. It's a distorted view.

— Health teacher Lara Reuss. Andover High students have created posters to reveal the truth about their behavior to younger Andover students. (Story in Education, page 6)

**THERE ARE OVER 700 FAMILIES** on any given week who need to frequent Boston area hospitals, and the average hotel in Boston costs around \$200 per night. You can imagine the impact that has on a family that's just been told their baby needs to stay in a hospital for four weeks.

— Tom Missert, whose *Devon Nicole House* provides patients' families with an affordable place to stay while their children receive treatment. The House is having a Valentine's dinner Saturday. (Story in Townspeople, page 11)

## News Calendar

## Friday, Feb. 11

Senior Center Task Force,  
Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., 8:45 a.m.

## Monday, Feb. 14

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee,  
Town Offices, second floor, 6 p.m.

## Tuesday, Feb. 15

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 6 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, executive session, 6:30 p.m.

Fish Brook Traffic Task Force,  
Water Treatment Plant, Lowell Street, 7 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

## Wednesday, Feb. 16

Selectmen and Finance Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Patriotic Holiday Committee, Town Offices, second floor staff lounge, 7 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Open house: See ABC House, program

The Andover chapter of A Better Chance is holding its annual Open House on Sunday, Feb. 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. at 134 Main St.

The public is welcome, especially past host families and board members who have been inactive in recent years. "This is the opportunity to reconnect that you have been waiting for," said organizers, who also encouraged new members to join. "Enjoy a light snack and an opportunity to see the program up close and first hand."

The ABC program is a highly selective educational program, and the Andover chapter is focused on empowering young women. This year the ABC house at 134 Main St. has eight scholars who attend Andover High School in preparation for college and leadership positions as adults. Next year, Andover ABC hopes to support 10 students. The program has been alive in town for more than 35 years.

The House has been recently renovated and is home to the eight students, one resident director and three resident assistants, all of whom are teachers in Andover. The program is funded by donations from individuals and local corporations, and is administered by a board of volunteers.

## Tucker office hours

State Sen. Sue Tucker will hold her monthly office hours at the Andover Memorial Library tonight, Thursday, Feb. 10 from 6:30 to 7:30. Her office invites all residents to stop by, or to contact her Statehouse office at 617-722-1612, or by e-mailing [STucker@senate.state.ma.us](mailto:STucker@senate.state.ma.us).

## Sister towns

The Andover Sister Town Association's monthly meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 13 at Memorial Hall Library. After a short, 1 p.m. business meeting on the lower level, members will proceed to the Hall to socialize and enjoy the "Tara Thistle" program, which begins

## Vintage baseball

The Essex Base Ball Club of Danvers is looking for people interested in 1860s-era baseball. It is recruiting players, umpires, scorekeepers and sideline interpreters. Anyone interested can contact Brian Sheehy at [historyball@yahoo.com](mailto:historyball@yahoo.com), or 978-790-5707 or [www.essexbaseball.org](http://www.essexbaseball.org).

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# Parents gather files on kids

By Rita Savard

Once a child is reported missing, Julie Rogowski says every second counts in getting police the information they need. That's why some parents were lining up at Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Center on Webster Street last week to have their children's fingerprints preserved on a CD.

Over the past six months, Rogowski's new business, STMH Kids, has been utilizing digital technology to create identification records for parents, at a cost of \$20. Rogowski says documenting as much information as a parent chooses to list on a CD — including fingerprints, photos and vital information about their children — allows law-enforcement officials to rapidly share the children's personal data, if there is a crisis. Police can then focus on recovering a child.

Andover police offer a similar fingerprinting service to parents, perhaps once a year, for free.

"I think it's an important thing for parents to do. We do it as part of safety fairs and part of different safety days we do for kids," says Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo. "It's definitely a worthwhile thing, in case something does happen."

Pattullo said parents interested in creating a file of their own should include an up-to-date picture, a good description of the child, including information about any distinguishing characteristics, and information about any medical issues and medicinal needs.

While local police use the traditional ink-and-paper method to fingerprint children, and help parents create a paper document for use in an emergency, Pattullo sees Rogowski as having found a "niche." She uses more advanced technology to create a digital document.

More specifically, Rogowski uses live scan equipment by Cross Match Technologies that produces forensic-quality fingerprints implemented by governmental organizations such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the US Department of Justice, she says. Live Scan technology is also operational at several national airports and seaports.

"As a mother of three children, it's very scary to see what's happening in the world today," says Rogowski. "If a child is abducted and taken across state lines, authorities can quickly access pictures and personal information stored on an electronic file and submit it to police and news stations nationwide within minutes."



Briana Boucher, 2, points to herself on the computer as her photo is taken at Little Sprouts Day Care.

While the use of digital identification technology is becoming predominant among law-enforcement officials, it was the immediacy of records transfer that caught the attention of Allison Boucher, director of Little Sprouts.

Referring to Rogowski's program as a "unique service" for parents, Boucher oversaw many children, including her own daughter, getting fingerprinted and photographed last week.

"It's like insurance for your child," says Boucher. "In the event something ever did happen and police are trying to get the information they need, your mind must be in a million different places at once. Having the information on a disk ensures that it's all there, that it's accurate and ready for distribution."

The Cross Match child-identification system replaces traditional ink-on-paper fingerprints and can capture prints up to three times faster, says Rogowski.

The system electronically scans a child's fingerprints that are used as part of an ID card also containing a color photograph, physical descriptions and medical information. Rogowski says the interactive process of live scanning can make the ID process fun for kids, too.

While standing on top of a chair, Rogowski helped to guide 2-year-old Briana Boucher to place her small fingers on the Cross Match scanner.

"I'm going to put a little pressure on your fingers," Rogowski gently informed her subject.

Following the fingerprint scan, Rogowski took Briana's picture and entered all the required statistical information into the child's personal file.

Rogowski then gave Briana a sparkling sticker for her cooperation.

"Look at Nana," says Briana excitedly, pointing to her own

image on the computer screen.

After the information is written to a CD, Rogowski says she erases individual profiles from her computer's hard drive.

"The only living record afterward is what the parent takes home with them on the CD," Rogowski says.

The same kind of technology Rogowski uses to make ID records for parents, is used by state police to track criminals and recover missing children.

Lieutenant Deborah Rebeiro, who supervises the Massachusetts State Police automated fingerprint identification system, says live scanning has helped move police investigations along at a much faster pace.

"It allows real-time identification by transferring fingerprint records to police, the state and the FBI in a short time period, taking about 10 to 15 minutes," says Rebeiro. "In the past you'd have to manually deliver the ID card to the state ID bureau."

That form of delivery could pose problems in time-sensitive cases, she said. Rebeiro adds that live scanning is a "cleaner" method of capturing prints, since no ink is involved. While she says a live scanning record can save on time, she does not believe traditional sources are outdated just yet.

"I don't think it's absolutely necessary to have an ID card electronically done," Rebeiro says, adding that not every household is equipped with a computer. "But having some form of a record is. A traditional package with prints and a set of recent photographs in a readily accessible place in case of an emergency is important to have."

According to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, 80 percent of the approximately 822,000 people reported missing in the US during 2002

## POLICE LOG

### ARRESTS

Wednesday, Feb. 2 - At 7:46 a.m., Paul Harrington, 41, of 12 Longwood Drive, was arrested and charged with assault and assault with a dangerous weapon.

At 3:38 p.m., Evangelos Telios, 22, of 8 Iroquois Ave., was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

At 5:25 p.m., Jennifer Stevanovich, 30, of 700 Brookside Drive, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance. Police reported finding an estimated \$28,000 in alleged stolen merchandise they said was taken from high-end stores such as Victoria's Secret and Abercrombie & Fitch. Wearing Abercrombie & Fitch pants, Stevanovich was arraigned in Lawrence District Court on Feb. 3 for receiving stolen property.

Thursday, Feb. 3 - At 8:39 p.m., Bryan Martinez, 56, of 15 Charles St., Winthrop, was arrested and charged with having a warrant for operating after suspension.

Friday, Feb. 4 - At 8:19 a.m., a juvenile was arrested and charged with possession of a class E substance, disorderly conduct, receiving stolen property, larceny of a motor vehicle and assault and battery.

Saturday, Feb. 5 - At 2:15 a.m., Raymond Spinazola Jr., 24, of 1403 Lords Court, Wilmington, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor and a marked lanes violation.

At 1:22 p.m., Cupertino Gomez, 26, of 27 Bromfield St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of an uninspected motor vehicle, and giving a false name and/or address to police. He also had warrants for a license class violation, operating under the influence of liquor, leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, a

stop sign violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 3:08 p.m., Kenneth Hoff, 46, of 150 North Main St., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

At 10:22 p.m., Michael Meyers, 52, of 416 South Main St., was arrested and charged with his second offense for operating under the influence of liquor, and also charged with a marked lanes violation, speeding and having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle.

Sunday, Feb. 6 - At 11:10 p.m., Stephen Fiedrich, 19, of 20 Red Pine Drive, Carlisle, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and underage possession of liquor.

Tuesday, Feb. 8 - At 12:42 p.m., a juvenile was arrested and charged for possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute and having a controlled substance in, on or near a school or playground.

At 1:37 p.m., Leonard Helleis, 33, of 352 Lowell St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance with intent to distribute.

At 2:07 p.m., Ernestina Arias, 27, of 110 Allston St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance with intent to distribute.

At 2:20 p.m., Stephen O'Neil, 24, of 11 College Lane, Methuen, was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, speeding and using a motor vehicle without authority.

### THEFTS

Monday, Feb. 7 - At 2:37 p.m., a man reported his cellular phone stolen from the Andover Inn on Chapel Avenue.

Tuesday, Feb. 8 - At 11:30 a.m., a resident reported a stolen snow blower.

### BREAKS

Monday, Feb. 7 - At 5:50 a.m., a resident reported an attempted break at her Bullfinch Drive home.

### INCIDENTS

Thursday, Feb. 3 - At 11:47 a woman reported four males allegedly smoking marijuana in a vehicle.

At 6:44 p.m., someone reported that the railroad gates on Andover Street were stuck in a down position. Police notified the MBTA.

Friday, Feb. 4 - At 3:03 p.m., there was a physical fight between two girls in front of Andover High School on Shawsheen Road. According to police, both girls tried to injure each other and one of the girls was punched in the eye. Police say there were not any serious injuries reported by the girls. Both girls said they did not want to press charges.

At 7:05 p.m., two people were summoned to court for shoplifting at Marshall's on North Main Street.

Saturday, Feb. 5 - At 4:31 p.m., someone reported a group of kids throwing snowballs at cars on Salem Street.

Sunday, Feb. 6 - At 5:53 p.m., a woman reported being beaten. According to the police report, it was a verbal argument over finances.

Monday, Feb. 7 - At 9:10 a.m., an employee of a hotel on Minute-man Road reported that a guest tried to use a credit card that does not belong to her.

At 12:43 p.m., a resident reported having a credit check done and noticing that someone else has been using his personal information.

Tuesday, Feb. 8 - At 8:36 a.m., police discovered snow falling from the roof of Old Town Hall on Main Street. The snow was coming off the side of the building and landing on people and cars. Police contacted municipal maintenance.

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## Manager: User fees 'a way of life'

### FEES

Continued from page 1

\$325, making it the largest fee percentage increase on the list. Transportation fees for individuals would jump from \$300 to \$350, and rise from \$600 to \$700 for two or more children. All-day kindergarten will rise from \$3,750 to \$4,350, and five-day preschool tuition will increase from \$2,700 to \$3,000, with four-day tuition going from \$2,160 to \$2,400.

Bach stressed that, while she regrets raising fees, all the increases were necessary to "protect the programs" already in place.

The superintendent said that while the transportation fee does pay for children in grades 6-12 who ride the bus, all other students are paid for out of the school budget. Bach added that

athletic fees do not cover the entire athletic budget, and at an estimated \$10,000 cost per pupil, the fees charged for all-day kindergarten don't meet the program's whole expenses.

Bach referred to the situation as a catch-22. She said she did not want to burden parents further with fees, but noted that state aid is level-funded and the cost of living is continually on the rise.

Costagliola said she does not blame Bach entirely for the budget crisis, but believes the fees have now become "ridiculous."

"The real problem is that it's now easy to charge parents fees once you've already started," said Costagliola. She said parents are planning to keep fees in check by lobbying selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee members, as well as

local legislators, to contain them. "No one likes paying fees," said Town Manager Buzz Staczynski. "But user charges are a way of life in town government."

He said that department heads are required to find ways to cover costs and unfortunately there are fees for everything.

"It's from a minimalist school of thought that's been around for about 25 years, since Proposition 2½. Government will provide police and fire protection, and basic education. Consumers pay for the services they want. If you want a parking space, there's a fee," he said.

The School Committee will take a detailed look into the school budget on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the School Administration Building.

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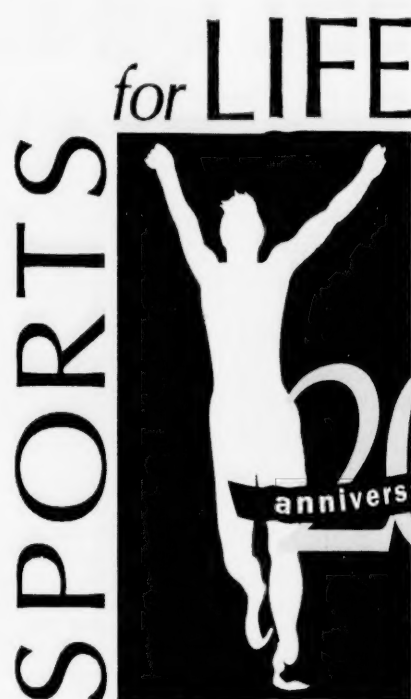




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# Education

## Using their influence

Posters by AHS student-artists enlighten middle-schoolers

By Rita Savard

**W**HEN HEALTH TEACHER Lana Reuss asked her class of sixth-graders to guess how many high school students smoked cigarettes, she was surprised by the response.

The Wood Hill Middle School students estimated that more than half of Andover High School students smoke.

"In reality, it's just a small fraction who are smoking tobacco," Reuss says. "But younger kids are often under the impression that the majority of older kids are engaging in negative behaviors. It's a distorted view."

Andover High students are now working on preventive education to reveal the truth to younger Andover students.

A series of posters, created by AHS students in Candice McVeigh's health class, uses statistics from their own youth risk behavior surveys. The advertisement posters, promoting healthy behaviors, will soon be adorning walls inside town middle schools. McVeigh expects they will make an impact on middle-school students, who will recognize many of the teen faces featured.

"It really helps clear false notions by showing numbers that illustrate the majority of students doing the right things," McVeigh says. "The posters use social norming as a positive form of health promotion. And those numbers are real."



Kristen Pinksten (left) and Danielle Cohen put up a health poster at Andover High School. The posters (including those at right) will be placed in the middle schools to help prevent risky behavior in the younger students.

A laminated 11-by-17-inch photograph of the Golden Warriors football team reads: "99.4 percent of AHS students don't use steroids."

Created by seniors Danielle Cohen, 17, and Kristen Pinksten, 18, the anti-drug

poster won the girls first place for best ad among a vote by their peers.

"Originally, we thought about using a backdrop of all teams at Andover High, but we found one great picture that was simple but really drove the message home," says Pinksten.

"We've heard people saying that a lot of guys on the football team are so big that there's no way they're naturally that big," adds Cohen. "The statistics put the focus on positive behavior."

Other ad slogans state, "97 percent of AHS students have never used cocaine. Why start?" and "95 percent of AHS males respect their dates."

Second place winner Mike Buck designed a poster featuring fast cars and a message reading, "9 out of 10 AHS drivers don't drive under the influence." In the center of Buck's ad is a car wreckage below the popular commercial catch phrase, "This Bud's for you."

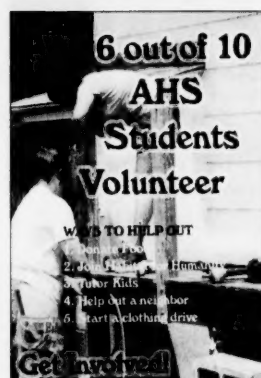
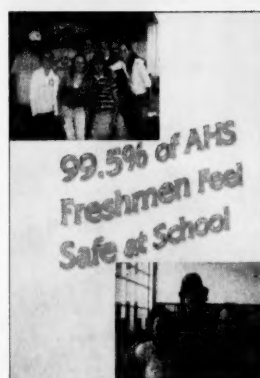
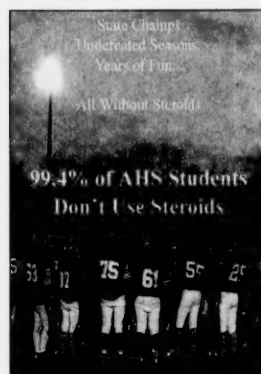
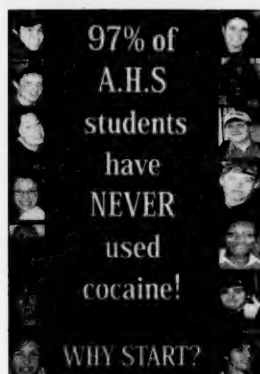
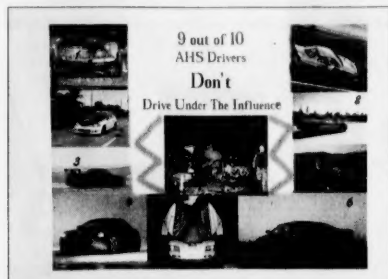
Reuss, who plans to hang a few of the ads in high traffic areas around Wood Hill Middle this week, believes the posters will help deliver a powerful message.

"I think they'll have the greatest impact on students who are sitting on the fence," Reuss says. "It may prevent some of them from tipping over the edge. They'll be looking at older kids, some who they may know, and realizing that this is really what the cool kids are doing."

Dave Silva, physical education teacher at Doherty Middle School says showcasing high school students to deliver pre-

ventive education messages in some ways can prove to be more effective than using celebrities or star athletes.

"(Middle school) is the age where kids set goals and hold people up as heroes," Silva says. "Many of these kids watch high school athletes and know the students who are writing the posters. They look up to them and that's huge."



## Kindergarten registration dates announced for September students

In Andover, children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Kindergarten registration for all Andover children who will enter kindergarten for the first time will be held on the following dates:

- Bancroft School, Bancroft Road, Thursday, March 3, 7 to 8 p.m.
- High Plain Elementary, High Plain Road, Tuesday, March 1, 7 to 8 p.m.
- Sanborn School, Lovejoy Road, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7 to 8 p.m.
- South School, Woburn Street, Wednesday, March 2, 7 to 8 p.m.
- West Elementary, Beacon Street, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7 to 8 p.m.

(Shawsheen School held its registration earlier this week.)

Kindergarten packets were mailed to prospective kindergarten parents the week of Jan. 17. Parents who did not receive a packet may call the assistant superintendent's office at 978-623-8506, leave their name and mailing address, and a packet will be forwarded to them.

To register a child, parents must present the child's birth certificate and proof of residency in Andover. Parents must furnish one of the following for the Andover address where they live: proof of ownership (original deed, or purchase and sale agreement); the original lease/rental agreement; or a copy of their latest mortgage payment. Copies of these documents must be submitted at the registration session and will be made a part of the child's file.

For questions or concerns, contact:

- Bancroft School, Scott Morrison, principal, 978-623-8880;
- High Plain Elementary, Brenda O'Brien, principal, 978-623-8900;
- Sanborn School, Stephen Jankauskas, principal, 978-623-8860;
- South School, Eileen Woods, principal, 978-623-8830; or
- West Elementary School, Charles Friel, principal, 978-623-8800.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Feb. 14-18:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Cheeseburger and fries, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, pizza stick with soft pretzel, bagel and string, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Rotini and meat sauce with roll, baked chicken nuggets, pizza ring, fruit, veggie, jello with topping and milk.

**Wednesday:** Roast turkey dinner, nachos with taco meat and cheese, personal pizza, potato, corn, cranberry sauce, salad bar with garlic bread, apple cobbler and milk.

**Thursday:** Meatball sub with green beans, french toast stix with hash browns, hot dog with green beans, boxed breakfast, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Steak and cheese pocket with fries, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, chicken caesar salad with roll, fruit, veggie and milk.

### Middle schools

**Monday:** Chicken pot pie, steak and cheese pocket, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Pork chops with potato, chicken McSchool, baked macaroni and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Two tacos with salsa and rice, french toast sticks with hash browns, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Roast turkey dinner, cheeseburger and fries, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie, apple crisp with topping and milk.

**Friday:** Egg McMuffin with hash browns, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

### Andover High School

**Monday:** Barbecue chicken with potato, chicken, broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Beef-and-cheese sub, lasagna, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Two beefy burritos with salsa and rice, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Roast dinner, spaghetti and meatballs, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie, apple crisp and milk.

**Friday:** Meat-filled raviolis, baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

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Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

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Meghan Collins  
Meghan Conger  
Kathryn Conti  
Daniel Conway  
Jillian Conway  
Clayton Daher  
Edward Deane  
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Laura Dimitruk  
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Derek Franzese  
Sabrina Fullam  
Michael Galletti  
Carly Golan  
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Kelsey Hodas  
Annie Hudak  
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Jennifer Caro  
Rory Carvalho  
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Alexander Ravin  
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Joshua Riemer  
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Robert Donlan  
Nichole Downey  
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Colin Desko  
Sarah Drinon

Caroline Dwyer  
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Maura Fitzgerald  
Laura Ganci  
Cecily Givens  
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## SCHOOL TALK

Marilee Jones, dean of admissions at MIT, will be the guest speaker for parents and interested juniors tonight, Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 in the Collins Center at Andover High School.

Jones will address how families can work together through the college admissions process.

Organizers in the counseling department at Andover High said in their announcement, "Because the process is more competitive today, it creates more anxiety for everyone

involved, especially parents. The role of parents and the challenges for students will be discussed. Parents from both Andover and North Andover high schools are invited to attend."

For more information, contact Peggy Cain at 978-623-8603 in the counseling department.

The next Bancroft School Improvement Council meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. in the faculty lounge.

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**Space Race ends but exploration grows**

The world held its breath on July 20, 1969 as a little craft called Eagle separated from Apollo 11, which was orbiting the moon.

Everyone watched as the first manned craft landed on the moon. Astronaut Neil Armstrong said simply, "Tranquility Base. The Eagle has landed." He stepped onto the lunar surface and added, "That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."

President John F. Kennedy had set the goal of reaching the moon before he was assassinated in 1963. Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon made sure it happened. The Space Race was over. The U.S. won.

Human visits to the moon ended in 1973.

Today astronauts and cosmonauts perform experiments side by side on the International Space Station.

However, robots now do much of the glamorous work. They can go further, endure harsher conditions and work without resting.

The Mars Rovers took spectacular pictures when they landed about a year ago. They were supposed to last three months but are still going strong. They even found frost on the Red planet. That may mean Mars could have supported life at some time in its history.

Scientists also think Saturn's moon Titan might have once been able to support life. The moon is bigger than the planets Mercury and Pluto. It has an atmosphere and may have organic compounds and liquids.

Has there been life there? Scientists sent the Cassini spacecraft to find out. Cassini has traveled hundreds of millions of miles for seven

Astronaut Neil Armstrong, Apollo 11 commander, on the moon.

years, a journey no human could have made.

On Christmas Eve, Cassini launched a probe named Huygens. Huygens reached Titan on Jan. 14. It sent back five hours of photographs and scientific information. The pictures show a hilly terrain crossed by riverbeds.

Meanwhile, earlier deep space satellites just keep going. Pioneer 11, launched in 1972, kept transmitting until 1995. Pioneer 10 was launched in 1973 and kept in touch with earth until 2003.

Space exploration hasn't been completely turned over to satellites.

A new U.S. law took effect in December to encourage private space programs. Some day, average citizens will be able to take short jaunts into space.

Civilians with enough money and willing to undergo strenuous training can visit the International Space Station now.

"The era of government-dominated space flight is coming to a close," said Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas, a backer of the bill which "marks the beginning of America's expansion into the solar system."

We aren't to the world of movies such as Star Trek or Star Wars yet. But the range of space that beckons keeps growing.

**SATELLITES UNITE THE EARTH PART 5: EXPLORE**

**Matching challenge**  
Match the astronaut with his accomplishment.

Yuri Gagarin	First person to walk on the moon
John Glenn	First person in outer space
Eugene Cernan	First American in orbit.
Neil Armstrong	Last mission to the moon.

NASA/JPL Space Science Institute  
This image of Titan was taken by Cassini during a flyby on Oct. 26.



# Opinion

## Poster children

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT. COME ON, TRY IT! Those words have led countless youth into trouble over the years. Of course, they aren't true. *Everybody* isn't doing it. In fact, most youths are not doing "it" — drugs, in particular — at all.

Although we frequently hear about individual cases, and Andover has the same problems as every other community, Andover High School's youth risk assessment survey reveals a lot of promising data about Andover High students.

So the school and its students grabbed some of this information and created posters that students will post around the town's middle schools. It's a great idea.

Teens are bombarded with images of sex and drugs on television, in magazines and on the Internet. But in the halls of Andover's middle schools, they will see different images. They will see posters with pictures of Andover High School kids with messages such as "95 percent of AHS males respect their dates."

So, instead of preteens and young teens assuming that it is "grown up" to smoke, take drugs, have sex or engage in other risky behavior, they will see that most older kids are not smoking and drugging and all the rest. They will see that most of the older kids they look up to are setting a good example.

In other words, they will see that many older teens really are poster children.

### Web question

#### Is buying back sick time healthy?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: The superintendent says her proposed hike in school fees will help prevent further cuts in academic programs. Is this a good idea?

27 people voted  
•13, or 48 percent, said, "Yes. State aid for town schools has been level-funded once again this year. Without an increase in fees, more vital programs will be cut, creating a much greater loss."

•3 people, or 11 percent, "Yes. But some of the fee hikes, like tripling the cost of student parking, seem outrageous. There must be another way to soften the blow by distributing the increases more evenly."

•2, or 7 percent, said, "No. We cannot keep raising fees for needs such as parking, transportation and all-day kindergarten. Alternatives, such as fundraising, would be a better way to bring in more money for schools."

•8, or 30 percent, said, "No. Fees have gone up in

the past and academic programs have still suffered as a result. The schools need to get their act together and stop dipping into parents' pockets."

•1, or 4 percent, said, "Other."

This week's *Townsman* Web-site question: **Over the past seven years, the town has paid out more than \$1.7 million to buy back unused sick time of 61 retiring town employees. The town expects to pay out even more during the next 18 months. Is it time to reconsider this benefit?**

• Yes. Town officials are predicting another tight fiscal year for Andover. The town should put a tighter cap on the number of sick days employees can carry over.

• No. After all their years of service to the town, employees are entitled to be reimbursed for unused sick time.

• Other.

To vote, surf over to [www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com).

### LETTERS POLICY

THE *Townsman* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

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### MUGGING FOR THE CAMERA



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Charlie Addesa adjusts the eye on a snow sculpture that he made with Kira and Erin Hudkins on Elm Street. They created the snow sculpture — complete with coffee-mug-lid eyes — to look like Clifford, the Big Red Dog.

## LETTERS

### SCHOOL COSTS

#### Park these fees

Editor, *Townsman*:

Superintendent Claudia Bach's new proposal for the hike in parking fees is by far the most preposterous solution she has come up with thus far. Her comment alone that she is expecting an influx of phone calls over this tells us she knows it's wrong. She is taking total advantage of this community and expecting us as parents to cover the costs of her poor fiscal management.

We all grew up in this town, have supported the changes and in the past five years watched our taxes double. The population has also increased, the houses are larger and the money going into this town from taxes alone is astronomical. Where is it all going? And why is the high school taking the brunt of it all? Believe it or not, many of us in Andover are making a lot of sacrifices in order to give our children a quality education. The fees Bach consistently instills on us as taxpayers to cover her poor management decisions is decreasing the quality of our children's education and increasing the costs. We find it insulting.

Nancy Hood  
Walker Avenue  
Marylu Walsh  
Summer Street  
Sandy Feeney  
Topping Road

#### School fees are 'double tax'

Editor, *Townsman*:

Dr. Claudia Bach and School Committee members:

I am writing to ask you to eliminate the double taxation that you have been forcing upon the parents of this town who already pay property taxes. I am referring to your so-called fees for transportation, parking, athletics, etc.

You all appear to have forgotten that Andover Public Schools are part of a public school system. You were elected to oversee the schools, with a budget that should come from the town as a whole. If the school budget is not adequate then you need to adequately make the case to all the town taxpayers to increase it. Then you need to find a way to live within that budget. It's as simple as that.

I believe school leaders should stand against this practice of fleecing the parents of Andover. It is time you stood up for what is right. Do away with the fees and get back to the privilege of running one of the best public school systems around.

Jeanne Teichert  
5 Dufton Road

#### 225-percent jump to park 'unreasonable, unjustifiable'

Editor, *Townsman*:

I find it again disconcerting Claudia Bach is making parents pay for her lack of fiduciary responsibility. But how can she possibly justify raising the parking fee from \$100 to \$325? Her comment comparing a parking spot to busing fees is laughable. Is she going to pay for the gas and insurance on my daughter's car then?

A parking space is not an expense to the town. It is a cash cow, and when the going gets tough Bach picks the easy way out. Why doesn't she take a cut

in her healthy salary? Then parents would feel as if she is feeling the pain, as we are.

I've lived in this town, off and on, for more than 40 years. Since I bought my most recent house five years ago, my taxes have doubled, plus I am getting hit with all these new school fees.

I have no problem with "pay for use" service fee such as athletic fees — and when they jumped up to \$250 for one sport this year I was more than happy to pay, as there is a direct cost to the town for coaching, field

maintenance, uniforms, buses, etc. But to raise the parking fee \$225 at one time is outrageous.

Bach should dig deeper and then come back and show people like me that this is the only alternative to finding the funds. I believe she is just trying to take advantage of a fairly wealthy community and is abusing her power by doing so.

We are all not rich in Andover, and I find her 225-percent increase in parking fees unreasonable and unjustifiable.

Tammy Johnston  
Haggetts Pond Road

#### All-day kindergarten valuable, not merely convenient

Editor, *Townsman*:

Superintendent Claudia Bach was recently quoted in a Boston paper as saying the schools are happy to offer all-day kindergarten "as a convenience to our parents." But the purpose of Andover's all-day kindergarten program is not as a convenience to parents. It is a program that has been researched extensively and has been proven to provide academic benefit to children who participate in the program. A convenient day-care alternative has no place in a public school system. It should not be paid for by taxpayers, managed by town employees, nor should it take place in the buildings paid for by taxpayers, regardless of the fee charged for the program. However, an academic program with proven merit is a very appropriate use of public school system resources and ideally should be provided to the taxpayers with no additional fee.

Most families understand that difficult choices must be made in the Andover school system due to budget constraints and, therefore, there is a need to charge a fee for optional programs such

as all-day kindergarten, regardless of their academic benefits. Neighboring towns charge approximately \$3,500 for the all-day kindergarten option, if they have not chosen to provide it free of charge, and these towns are forced to work with tight budgets as well.

Research has shown that the academic benefit of all-day kindergarten programs is even more dramatic for children considered to be at academic risk. My child is eligible for kindergarten next year. He does not know the alphabet, shapes or colors. He does not know the difference between numbers and letters. His behavior is appropriate in a small group of children, but he has difficulty in a classroom environment with a larger group of children. I had him tested by Andover special education teachers because I was concerned about his readiness for kindergarten. He is considered to be within the normal range and it was recommended that he attend public school kindergarten without any special-educational requirements. As his parent, I feel strongly that he would

receive significant benefit from all-day kindergarten and it might prevent him from having to receive special services in later years. All-day kindergarten is certainly not "a convenience" for our family.

I am speaking out because I am certain there are other families in Andover that are in a similar situation, yet it is difficult to publicly admit one's child's shortcomings. Whether to enroll a child in the all-day or the half-day kindergarten program is a choice that parents need to make based on what is best for the individual child. My older child did not have needs similar to my younger child's, attended half-day kindergarten and is doing well in school.

Some families might use the full-day kindergarten program as a convenient day-care alternative, however the generalization that it is nothing more than that shows disregard for the needs of individual students and is a disservice to the teachers who work hard to provide a valuable educational program.

Patricia Rosen  
11 Blueberry Circle

## THE THURSDAY FILE

Iron rusts from disuse, stagnant water loses its purity and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind.

GEORGE ALLEN

Be master of your petty annoyances and conserve your energies for the big, worthwhile things. It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out — it's the grain of sand in your shoe.

ROBERT SERVICE

No life ever grows great until it is focused, dedicated, and disciplined.

HENRY EMERSON FOSDICK

To generalize is to be an idiot. To particularize is the lone distinction of merit.

WILLIAM BLAKE

We use the letters of our alphabet every day with the utmost ease and unconcern, taking them almost as much for granted as the air we breathe. We do not realize that each of these letters is at our service today only as the result of a long and laboriously slow process of evolution in the age-old art of writing.

DOUGLAS C. MCMURTRIE

A friend should be a master at guessing and keeping still.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

### The Einstein quotation

Reading, after a certain age, diverts the mind too much from its creative pursuits. Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain too little falls into lazy habits of thinking.

### Best quotation sent

I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes several days attack me at once.

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### About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at [www.hudsonvanloo.ca](http://www.hudsonvanloo.ca), and it offers quotations such as these.



## LETTERS

## Sidewalks can be cleared, but leave trees alone

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I appreciate having sidewalks cleared of snow as much as the next pedestrian, but I really take issue with the town's choice of equipment in recent years. Why has the highway department unleashed that 5½-foot-wide snowblasting behemoth on our narrow intown sidewalks? It's been doing enough damage on the west side of Bartlet Street the last couple of years, gouging trees and scraping off lawns, but what it did on Morton Street beside our house last week (in daylight, no less) is inexcusable. It mangled and denuded the lower branches of our large yews, and ran right over the edge of the smaller ones. Although the latter could be replaced, at some expense, the 60-year-old 12 footers at the corner, with their foot-thick trunks, are irreplaceable, and the machine has permanently disfigured them. Overgrown they may be, but removing them is not an option. We need them for defense against wayward vehicles, such as the SUV that wrecked our kitchen addition three years ago, hitting it in a place where we had no protective yews.

My call to the highway department was returned the next day by an official who implied that we had brought the destruction on ourselves, referring to the decision we and our neighbor made some 10 years ago when the new Morton Street curb and sidewalk were installed. We were given a choice between asphalt right out to the curb, where there had been grass, or a narrow walk like the original, a restored green strip, and trees. Of course we chose the trees (which are beautiful). We remember the discussion, and also clearly remember being told that because of its narrowness, the sidewalk near the corner might not get plowed. In the ensuing years it frequently hasn't been partly I suppose because the town plows pile up the snow from the intersection on that corner. This is perfectly acceptable to us; because the problem section is so short.

So it is beyond me why the department decided last week to plow this sidewalk, ramming the monster snowblower through a space obviously much narrower than the machine – and why, having started, the driver failed to notice that his machine was spewing shredded wood and evergreen foliage along with the snow.

This is particularly infuriating given that there is, or was, an alternative. What happened to the small V-bladed machine used in previous winters for such problem areas? Is it to be one size fits all from now on, and property rights be hanged? We don't have the only narrow sidewalk in town.

We feel insecure enough in our house since the SUV was broadsided and sent careering into our kitchen. Is it too much to ask that the town, which unlike the Suburban's driver has a choice, refrain from deliberate assaults on our protective trees?

Kristina Trott  
22 Morton St.

## Those who study issue will support new senior center

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Recent news articles and letters to the editor about the new senior center have often reflected a negative focus. We would like to stress the positive.

Those advocating for a new senior center are not in an either/or battle with the supporters of a new youth center, nor is there an "us against them" attitude among seniors. One recent example: not only did the Sunrise Singers and the SunSet Tappers participate in the Andover Youth Foundation telethon last week, but individual members of the Council on Aging and Senior Center Task Force contributed \$500 to that cause.

Currently about 17 percent of Andover's population and 26 percent of the registered voters are over 60. Since we vote and attend Town Meeting in even greater percentages, it's clear that seniors are always among those voting for new town build-

ings, water and sewer improvements, open space, new schools and renovations and other projects and budgets that make our town a safe and pleasant place to live. Seniors' ongoing support for public schools continues the tradition that valued and provided a good education for our own children. People move to Andover, and/or choose to remain here, because this community has a history and deserved reputation for planning and providing quality services.

Seniors and their families use and appreciate the health and wellness, social, educational, and recreational resources that are available, but we need adequate and appropriate space for these activities. The current space is neither. All trends indicate that the number of seniors in town will continue to grow, which will make it even more inadequate. To address that need, Town Meeting approved funding

last year, and there are now plans for an attractive and well-designed center on Bartlet Street that will be a valuable community resource for many years.

Yes, the cost is now \$7.65 million. Despite what all of us might wish, construction costs just keep going up each year. But bonding the construction of a new senior center this year will cost the average Andover taxpayer (home valued at \$522,000) only about \$44/year on the tax bill for 20 years. We urge our fellow townspeople to look at the plans, ask questions, talk to some of the many people who use senior center services, and attend Town Meeting. We feel confident that those who do will agree that this is a worthy and needed project. It will ensure that the future Andover will continue to be a town that values and serves its residents of all ages.

Don and Nancy Mulvey  
104 High Plain Road

## SCHOOL COSTS

## Stop fees: Public education is responsibility of all

Editor, *Townsmen*:

To Claudia Bach, members of the Andover School Committee, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and the Board of Selectmen:

We would like to share our thoughts on the proposed fee increases for the Andover Public Schools in fiscal year 2005.

Parents reluctantly agreed to a "fee for service" system to maintain programs in our school, such as athletic teams and bussing for students in grades 7 to 12. The fees have dramatically increased every year.

Enough is enough. While parents are willing to subsidize a portion of the school's costs as a means to stretch the school budget, the fees have become punitive. The budget process in Andover suggests that parents must "atone" for burdening the town with the responsibility of providing an education to their children. Why else would a fee of \$325 be set for a student parking

space at AHS? There is no pretense of providing a "service" for the \$325 parking fee. Seven hundred dollars a year to bus two children to school is an astounding figure.

Although parents understand that fees are needed as a short term solution, we never anticipated that they would become an essential element in producing the school budget. Nor did we anticipate that the school administration, the selectmen or the town manager would view this as a reasonable alternative to close the budget gap without exploring fees for other town services, such as trash or municipal bus service.

When did public education become a revenue-generating enterprise? PACs and PTOs are already camouflaging a huge portion of the schools' lost funds, and now individual families are being asked to continue hiding the town's dishonesty in funding its public schools. We have certain expecta-

tions of the Andover School Committee, the Andover superintendent and Andover selectmen.

We expect they will provide and maintain a school system that exceeds the state educational standards.

We expect that they will prepare and submit a school budget that accurately portrays the true cost of operating 10 public school buildings and must fund all state mandates.

We expect that they will communicate and defend the values and programs in place in the Andover Public Schools.

We expect that they will refuse to shift the burden of closing budget shortfalls onto the shoulders of APS parents. Public education is the responsibility of all citizens in Andover.

Ellen Travers  
8 Spencer Court  
Diane Costagliola  
15 Belknap Drive  
AHS PAC Co-presidents

## Samuels would strengthen School Committee

## 'Excellent credentials'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The School Committee is an essential ingredient in maintaining and improving the quality of education that our children receive in Andover. This is the reason that we need quality committee members, with excellent credentials, who understand the underlying issues with the school system, including, but not limited to, the budget, administration, teachers, students, athletics, performing arts, music, clubs, physical plant and maintenance, and who can work well with other committee members and communicate their ideas effectively. David Samuels has these qualities.

Samuels' three children are educated in the public school system in Andover and they are very active in sports and other activities in town. If anyone understands the "system" and the "politics" of the system, Samuels does. Samuels is a professional who maintains his office in Andover, is readily available for meetings and he attends all of his children's activities. He is a good listener, is outspoken and has the professional leadership skills to deal with teachers, administration, students and other professionals in an effective manner.

We strongly urge people support Samuels in his desire to be on the School Committee.

Dana and Cindy Cohen  
27 Windemere Drive

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We are 12-year residents of Andover and are writing to support Dr. David Samuels' candidacy for School Committee. We believe he will provide thoughtful leadership and creative, fresh ideas to the School Committee.

We have one granddaughter at Sanborn Elementary this year and two more that will be attending Andover schools. Samuels has coached our niece and nephew in swimming and is active with many of the youth programs in town. We believe he has the ability to see all sides of issues regarding students, parents, teachers or administrators, and deal with them fairly and honestly. He will add to the professionalism of the School Committee and help with the critical decisions that affect our children.

We met Samuels about nine years ago through the Service Club of Andover. He was one of the original founding members and is very active in the club. The Service Club's mission is to "Make a Difference" in our community, and he has done that for many years.

Samuels is a strong supporter of the Service Club's work with developmentally delayed individuals. He is a member of the Andover High School Supported Employment Program sponsored by the Service Club. He has been an active supporter of the dances, picnics and other social functions run by the club for these special individuals.

Samuels is also very involved with the Andover High School Career Mentoring Program. He has been a mentor to the 11th-grade students at Andover High School interested in a career in dentistry.

David and Laurie Samuels have children in Andover schools. We know he is a strong supporter of quality education and will be an active and productive member of the School Committee. The children are our future, and Samuels wants to provide Andover children with the best education possible.

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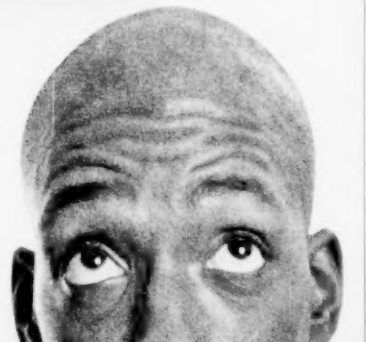
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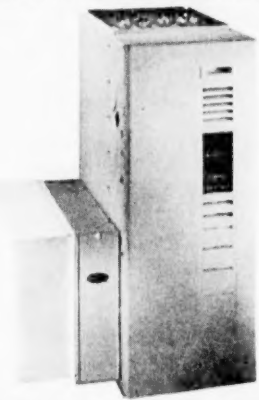
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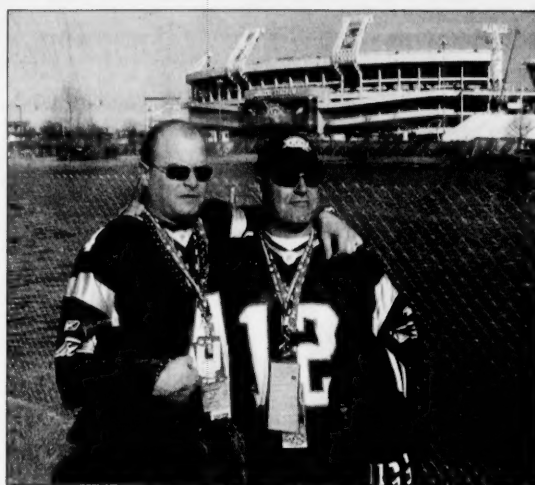
## Chiklis, firefighter friend tackled Super Bowl

By Judy Wakefield and Andrea Gregory

Playing baseball in town as a 9-year-old, little Stevie Stabile hit it off with a teammate named Mike Chiklis. The two were sports nuts and went on to play football together at Andover High School. While their career paths veered, with Chiklis heading for Hollywood and Stabile destined to be a firefighter, the two have kept in touch since those formative years.

So that shared passion for the pigskin prompted Chiklis to call Stabile and invite him to last Sunday's Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. Stabile has been the envy of his fellow Andover firefighters ever since.

"There was no way I was going to miss this Super Bowl, especially with the Patriots in it," said Chiklis. "I asked my wife, Michelle, if she wanted to go, but she really has no interest in all of this. So I figured, why not my best buddy growing up



Former Andover High School football teammates Steve Stabile (left) and Emmy-winning actor Michael Chiklis, of *The Shield*, pose outside Alltel Stadium, home of Super Bowl XXXIX.

(in Andover), Stevie Stabile?" "It's a dream come true. As a kid, everyone dreams of going to

a Super Bowl and I did it," said Stabile, who has been on the AFD for the past 17 years. He

grew up in town, but now lives in North Andover.

It was a weekend of mingling with the A-listers, as Stabile and Chiklis hit numerous parties, including ones hosted by the Fox network and Playboy.

"I went to the best parties in town. I was so busy," said Stabile, who stayed on a huge cruise liner docked on the St. John's River next to the NFL headquarters. "And I got very little sleep."

He'll see Chiklis this summer as the actor, who has won Golden Globe and Emmy awards for his current police detective role on the television show *The Shield*, has already invited Stabile to the Hollywood premiere of the adaptation of the comic book *The Fantastic Four*, where Chiklis plays The Thing.

"Mike asked my family to go and we're headed to LA this July. It's just the kind of guy he is," Stabile said of his longtime friend.

Bill Burt contributed to story.

## Ramifications: Youth-center article

### YOUTH CENTER

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According to Urbelis, if the town is to take on the youth-center project, a second Town Meeting vote would be required to appropriate a specific dollar amount. Also, AYF's pledges and letters of credit could not count as actual funds for the project. The town would need to have the full amount in hand before it could sign a contract, Urbelis wrote.

"The proposed warrant article complicates using town funds for the construction of a youth center. In those circumstances, the Town would be in charge of the project and the provisions of the various laws of the Commonwealth relating to public construction would come into play, including public bidding, prevailing wages, project manager selection, contract bonding requirements, filed sub-bids, bid protest procedures, etc.," wrote

### Youth filer left out

Brayden Hass was not at Monday's selectmen meeting, where officials passed out comments from town counsel on Hass's warrant article. Hass said he did not know selectmen planned to discuss his warrant article or that there was a written opinion from town counsel.

"I would have liked to have known about it. I would have liked to have been there," said Hass. "It's frustrating."

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski said he did not send a copy of the information to Hass, 18, but that the article writer could pick it up if he

wanted. Stapeczynski said he did not send the memo to Hass because he did not believe Hass had written the article himself.

"I sent it to the person who I thought wrote it. I don't think there was any oversight involved," said Stapeczynski.

Stapeczynski said he sent copies of town counsel's memo to AYF President Larry Larsen and AYF lawyer Bob Lavoie. AYF did not submit the article and none of its member's names are listed on it. Larsen said the Andover Youth Foundation was not responsible for the article, but is supportive of the kids behind it.

Urbelis, who suggested the town look further into what Town Meeting approval would mean for Andover and the project.

Hass said he was not sure how town counsel's comments would affect his article. He said

he planned to look into it, but still feels the need and the cause are vital.

"We've come so far. Maybe it would be nice if the town could meet us," Hass said. "It just seems like the town is getting a huge chunk of money, and it should go to the youth center."

In the 1980s, Andover teamed with 22 other communities, known as North East Solid Waste Committee, to build the Wheelabrator trash incinerator in North Andover. This year, the facility will finally be paid for, and some communities that invested in it will see large sums of money coming their way. Out of all the NESWC municipalities that joined forces to create the Wheelabrator trash incinerator in North Andover, Andover will receive the second largest

amount - up to \$2.8 million.

So far, the money isn't earmarked for anything specific, but youth would like to change that.

Stapeczynski wants to establish a trust fund to store the cash-return for trash and recycling efforts. Stapeczynski also submitted a second warrant article to put the same money into a stabilization fund, where the primary intent would still be to use the money for trash and recycling costs. Only one of the two articles Stapeczynski put on the warrant will be voted on at Annual Town Meeting.

Hass said if voters chose Stapeczynski's plan he thinks it is possible "the money could disappear for a number of years."

AYF members did not respond to Urbelis' comments during the selectmen meeting. Members of the Youth Action Council, a group of teenagers co-sponsoring and advocating for Hass' article, were at the meeting. Members from both groups told selectmen they were coming before them to advocate for Youth Services. They had not planned to discuss the proposed youth center building or the warrant article.

They asked selectmen to consider adding an activities coordinator, as well as other administrative positions to the Youth Services Department. Moving Youth Services to a temporary new location such as Old Town Hall was also requested.

Selectmen did not take action on the suggestions.

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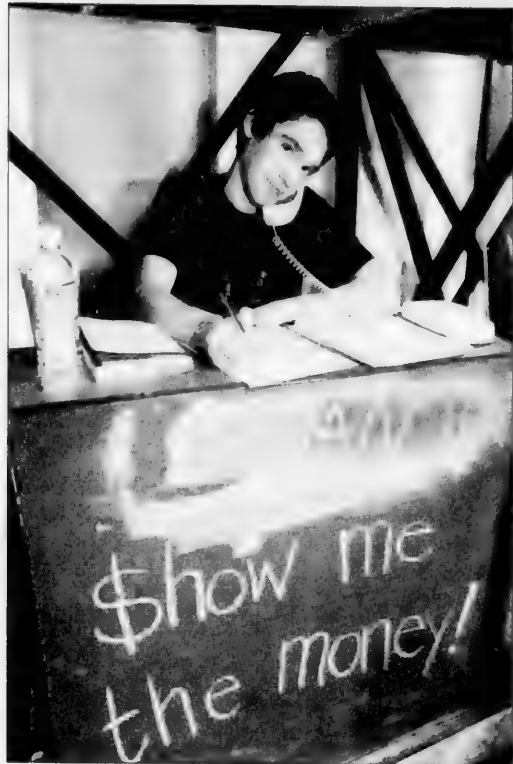
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# Townspeople

## AYF Telethon: 3 nights, 400 people

Organizers say about \$80K raised in 3rd Raise the Roof; telethon totals add \$275,000 to cause



Dylan Golden works the phones during the third annual AYF telethon to raise money for a youth center.

By Judy Wakefield

**T**HE FINAL TALLY on money raised might be less than last year's, but organizers of last week's telethon benefit for the proposed youth center say the event was a huge success.

Organizer Sheila Stone said \$78,399 was raised during the three-day Raise the Roof cable telethon. That's some \$40,000 less than last year, when about \$120,000 was raised. But, the telethon has raised a total of about \$275,000 during its three years.

The Andover Youth Foundation, a private organization, uses the telethon to help raise money to privately build the proposed \$5 million Cormier Family Youth Center on Greenwood Road in West Andover. Local developer Yvon Cormier is the largest contributor to date, donating \$1.5 million to have the center named after his family.

Stone said the telethon is a popular attraction in town and organizers are pleased with this year's earnings.

"It's still a huge success with the number of people in the community who got involved as performers or volunteers," she said. "From building the sets to the TV production, finance, and everything else, hundreds of local people were involved."

Stone said about 400 people crossed the stage at the Collins Center at some point during the telethon's three nights as the Andover Youth Foundation raised money for the cause.

"And, you can add to those 400 the number of people who watched (on cable televi-



From left, Leslie Willey, Becky Christoforo, Susannah Poland and Gabbi Traub of Bles, a singing group directed by Jennifer D'Onofrio (playing the piano, not in the photo), entertain during Raise the Roof telethon.

sion) and it's amazing," Stone added.

She said there was a terrific cross-section of community spirit at the telethon and pointed to the Senior Center Task Force as evidence. While that group is also rallying for a new building, they stepped up with a \$500 donation for the proposed youth cen-

ter.

"I thought that was great," Stone said.

Six big auction items and challenges brought in more than \$1,000 each. They are:

- a donor matched every donation on the first night of the telethon, up to \$7,500

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### TOWN TALK

#### Trophy to arrive with opening day

Better early than never.

The Boston Red Sox World Series trophy will be coming to Andover, eight weeks earlier than hoped for, which certainly will be fine with the crowd it is sure to attract.

"I'll be walking with a spring in my step today," said a smiling Mary Donohue, community services department director, on Tuesday, when she learned the trophy is coming to Andover.

While town officials were hoping to time the trophy's appearance with the annual Andover Day celebration in June, Red Sox official Colin Burch announced this week the trophy will visit several north-of-Boston communities including Andover in early April.

"That's fine. We'll come up with some sort of celebration," said Donohue, who has been named to lead the trophy festivities. "Don't worry, we'll do something special. It's exciting and we have a lot of baseball fans who will turn out."

— Judy Wakefield



World Series trophy — After 86 years, why not come to town a few weeks early?

#### Winning model? Or wrong stuff...

Michael Tarshi won't be winning a congeniality award on NBC-TV's reality show *The Apprentice*. But then again, he's not there to make friends.

Tarshi is one of 18 contestants fighting on national television for the chance at a \$250,000 salary working under Donald Trump. Tarshi is on a "book-smarts" team competing against a "street-smarts" team of high school graduates.

He is a Boston College graduate who also attended Pike School in Andover. But one lesson he might have slept through, during his years of schooling, was how to play nice with others.

Last week's challenge was to create a \$75,000 marketing campaign for a coffee company.

Tarshi pitched the idea of a "European lifestyle" campaign, using beautiful female models to help push the product.

"Everybody loves a beautiful European model," he said. "You are going to attract more men (as customers). Double up on the men."

His idea was shot down. And the team went with an iPod giveaway. Tarshi admitted he is not an iPod owner.

Having been the project manager the week before when his team won, Tarshi was exempt from elimination. So, he sat back while it was time to lug heavy boxes and threatened his project manager by saying, "Maybe I should have thrown you out the window."

His team lost, landing them in the boardroom where someone would get fired. Tarshi's teammates ganged up on him, saying his laziness and lack of participation were fireable offenses. Trump criticized Tarshi, but did not bend the rules and take away his exemption.

Tonight, viewers will learn if Tarshi can smooth everything over with his teammates, or if his actions again will haunt him in the boardroom.

— Andrea Gregory

## Baby girl's legacy lives on

Valentine's Day dinner fundraiser helps families mend

By Rita Savard

**D**EVON NICOLE MISSERT'S HEART stopped beating too soon, but five years after her premature death she is still giving others the gift of life.

Following complications during labor, Devon was 5 days old when she died in 1999. But last year, her parents founded a home in memory of their infant daughter that helps families whose children have congenital heart disease and other medical problems.

Owned and operated by Children's Hospital in Boston, the Devon Nicole House provides patients' families with an affordable place to stay while they receive treatment.

This weekend, the Misserts are holding their annual Valentine's Day dinner fundraiser at Andover Country Club. The event will offer a fun and romantic evening for couples, with proceeds benefiting the Devon Nicole House.

For Devon's parents, Tom and Deanna Missert, Valentine's Day is not just a Hallmark holiday. Feb. 14 also marks Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Day — a condition that affects approximately 35,000 newborns each year, according to the American Heart Association.

"There are over 700 families on any given week who need to frequent Boston area hospitals, and the average hotel in Boston costs around \$200 or more per night," says Tom Missert. "You can imagine the impact that has on a family that's just been told their baby needs to stay in a hospital for four weeks because of medical complications, especially if they want to be bedside."

The Misserts know what it feels like to bear such a blow. They spent five days by their newborn's side before having to say goodbye.

On July 30, 1999, Deanna Missert underwent intense labor. Her uterus ruptured severely and the new mother started to hemorrhage, losing seven units of blood.

"Devon's heartbeat stopped," remembers Tom Missert. "She went 20 minutes without receiving any oxygen."

Devon received several medical tests afterward, but the period of time the infant was deprived of oxygen was too long. Doctors said she had no upper brain activity.

"We spent our time left with Devon, reading to her and holding her," Tom Missert says. "I read her a small book about angels."

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on a Wednesday, five days after Devon was born, the Misserts let their daughter go.

"It had been raining all day," Missert says. "We released two balloons into the night sky, one for Devon and one for my wife. The rain stopped and the sky was full with stars."

Missert says the day before his daughter died, he had a dream that Devon asked him to help others in need.

The Misserts donated two of Devon's heart valves to help save the lives of a baby girl and a baby boy who each were born with congenital heart defects.



Thomas and Deanna Missert of Windham, N.H., lost their daughter Devon (in framed photo) at 5 days of age. With them are, from left: Kaley, Justin (with photo of Devon) and Brittany, along with their dog, Kaya.

But Devon's legacy of giving did not stop there.

"We tried to donate money in Devon's name to a New Hampshire foundation called David's House," says Missert. "But the director told us that if we really wanted to make a difference, we should start a place like David's House in Boston, where there isn't enough housing available for patients' families."

After collaborating on a vision with the American Heart Association and the Boston Children's Hospital, the Misserts saw the Devon Nicole House open its doors on the fifth floor of 21 Autumn St. last June. The affordable-living facility can accommodate 13 children and their families. About 130 families have stayed at the house since its inception, and there is always a waiting list.

"It's a communal place where families, who share similar experiences, feel like they belong," says Cynthia Levin, director of the Children's Hospital Center for Families. "Parents say they love it. They have dinner together and can talk to each other for support."

Payment to stay at the Devon Nicole

House is based on a low sliding scale. If people can't afford to pay, they are not required to. That privilege is made possible by the donations of others.

Missert says the Valentine's Dinner benefit this Saturday, Feb. 12, at Andover Country Club will have a few surprises in store.

Baseballs autographed by Red Sox players David Ortiz and Mark Bellhorn, and a commemorative Super Bowl champion hat signed by Patriots MVP Deion Branch should spark some interest, Missert says.

Individual seating is \$75 per plate including a 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. reception with hors d'oeuvres. A formal dinner, entertainment, dancing and silent auction will follow from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Besides a bevy of gifts and "coveted" objects, Missert says people can feel good knowing that they're contributing to a service that's priceless for many.

"For a family that is already going through so much emotionally, they shouldn't have to worry about where they will sleep at night," Missert says. "The Devon Nicole House is truly a place that's a gift to them."



## \$80K raised at Raise the Roof telethon



Nathan Hass was the winner of the telethon's Buffalo Wing-Eating Contest. The third annual AYF telethon was held to raise money for a youth center.

### ■ AYF TELETHON

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- autographed Red Sox jersey, \$2,500
- a supporter pledged \$50 (up to \$2,500) for every point scored at last Friday's boys basketball game featuring Andover High
- skybox seats for 12 at the Fleet Center, \$1,800
- Bermuda vacation, \$1,650
- a ride to or from school on a fire truck, \$1,000.

In addition, two sets of six Red Sox tickets went for \$600 and \$650, while a John Mellencamp autographed Fender guitar got \$750. Mini Patriots helmets signed by Tedy Bruschi and Corey Dillon got \$400 and \$500 respectively, while a wine tasting at the home of Brad and Noni Yount got \$500.

Stone also said the Phoney awards – for volunteers who went above and beyond the call – were awarded to two people. Andover High senior Dan Brennan was honored for his technical wizardry, as he did all the graphic designs on the screen. Scott Worthley, the manager of the Collins Center, was saluted for "his talent and patience beyond words."

Donations not yet paid can be mailed to PO Box 5051, Andover, 01810. Checks should be made out to Andover Youth Foundation.

## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Last Saturday, many residents of Andover received white plastic bags on their doors or mailboxes for Scouting for Food, a service project of the **Yankee Clipper Council** of the Boy Scouts of America, which serves boys throughout Merrimack Valley.

By filling the bags with shelf-stable food items and placing it on the front porch by 9 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 12, townspeople will be supporting a number of local organizations including the **People's Pantry** of North Andover, **St. Vincent DePaul** of Methuen, and **Bread and Roses, Lazarus House and Neighbors in Need** of Lawrence. This service project comes at a time of year when food pantry stocks are often quite low, so please consider a donation, organizers ask.

Contact **John Keating** at the Yankee Clipper Council office at 978-372-0591 or [jokeating@bsaemail.org](mailto:jokeating@bsaemail.org).



Sally Matson as Susan B. Anthony

"Susan B. Anthony – The Invincible!" a 45-minute dramatic presentation of her life, will be presented at the **Glen Urquhart School**, 74 Hart St., Beverly Farms, this Saturday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. **Sally Matson**, a professional enactor,

will educate and entertain with vignettes from the long life of the abolitionist and women's suffrage leader. Ms. Anthony was a lifelong advocate of women's rights, her arguments are as relevant today as they were in 1900, organizers said. Some facts about Anthony include: rode a mule in Yosemite, was burned in effigy, met Buffalo Bill Cody, and traveled to almost every state and territory in her suffrage campaigns.

Matson, of 23 William St., will perform in Boston; Adams, Mass. (Anthony's birthplace); and in Seattle and Portland to celebrate the activist's 185th birthday in

February.

2005 is also the 85th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. This dramatization reminds people that voting is not just a privilege, but also a responsibility.

**The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society** will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the **R. S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology**.

**Suanna C. Selby**, from the Department of Anthropology, New York University, will present a slide program and speak on "Historical Geoarchaeology: Notes on 19th Century Central Park in New York City." The lecture is free and open to the public.

During the summer and fall of 2004, a team of archaeologists, historians and soil scientists from New York City universities and historical societies conducted a subsurface testing program to identify remains of the 19th century Central Park settlement of Seneca Village, located between 81st and 89th Streets on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. For additional information, call the Peabody Museum at 978-749-4490.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

### 102 Years Ago – 1903

George Pedler of this town is installing a local telephone system at the Archibald Wheel Co. in Lawrence.

S. Wesley Young, the local milk dealer, has purchased the retail route of Walter C. Boyce and will supply the customers after this date.

There were 162 total arrests in the year 1902: 75 for drunkenness, 20 for assault, three for non-support, six for malicious mischief, two for being insane, 17 for disturbance, two for "stubbornness," one for trespassing, one for "bastardy," and one for the neglect of children. The results of these arrests varied: 63 paid fines, two were committed to the State Board of Charity, 41 were sent to the House of Correction, 20 were discharged, two were sent to Danvers, one was committed to Lawrence jail, and five were appealed.

The majority of these arrests were residents between the ages of 20 and 50. Sixty-one of them were American-born and 101 were foreign-born.

The Young Men's Christian Association has been formed in North Andover. The organization began by scouting members both young and old to join the association. It will include members of good moral character without regard to creed, nationality or color. The first meeting for the public will take place next Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

### 101 Years Ago – 1904

The storm Tuesday tied up the Salem division of the Boston and Northern street railway. The tie-up was the worst in the history of electric roads in that station. Nothing moved Tuesday night or Wednesday because both the power failed and tracks and undercarriage of the cars were frozen.

### 100 Years Ago – 1905

A high tide amounting to almost a tidal wave crashed onto Salisbury and Seabrook beaches and Plum Island. Many houses and cottages were destroyed or swept out to sea. The cottages of the McConnell, Kelly, Libby, Page, and Fernald families have been either destroyed or damaged, and many others are in danger. Some houses were swept off of their foundations.

Miss Ethel Wadrop of Cambridge is visiting Miss Flora Lindsay on Summer Street.

A mothers' meeting with entertainment and tea is being held in the Parish House of Christ Church this afternoon.

No collars or cuffs will be allowed at the poverty dance to be given by Walter L. Raymond camp, No. 111 in GAR Hall on Friday evening, Feb. 24.

Fred Collins stopped a pair of horses that were running away on Essex Street on Monday afternoon. They were attached to a hack that contained three persons.

The concert and ball of the YMCTA will be held in the Town Hall this evening and it is expected that there will be a record-breaking attendance.

Miss Marcia Richards' classes at the Indian Ridge School enjoyed a sleigh ride through Lawrence and North Andover on Tuesday afternoon.

Did you ever attend the Punched School? Then you ought to belong to the Alumni Association and enjoy the supper, entertainment, and dance, Feb. 17.

Somebody's pet cat (evidently lost) has been well cared for at 35 School St. for about three weeks. It is hoped that the owner will read these lines and claim the cat soon.

The YMCTA will hold a whist party in their room Saturday evening. The public is very cordially invited to attend.

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Some expert diamond examiners have estimated as high as \$125,000,000 as the value of the diamond which has just been discovered at Elandsfontein, South Africa. It is said to be three times as large as the largest stone previously found.

The Weather Record for Feb. 3 through 9 ranged from 2 degrees below zero to 22 degrees in the morning and as high as 34 degrees in the afternoon.

In view of the sent statement made by Robert Hunter that 70,000 school children in New York City go to school hungry, Miss Booth, head of the Salvation Army, suggested to Superintendent Maxwell the establishment of centers where food could be provided for those actually hungry.

### 75 Years Ago – 1930

Miss Beatrice Henderson of Red Spring Road spent the weekend with Miss Elizabeth Wallace in Brookline.

The Junior King's Daughters of the South Church are holding a Valentine tea and entertainment in the church vestry this afternoon from 3 to 5. Food and candy are on sale.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 2 attended the morning service at the Free Church Sunday in observance of the anniversary of Boy Scout Week. They were accompanied by Scoutmaster William Haigh and Scout Executive Harvey H. Bacon.

Miss Marguerite McCarthy, daughter of Mrs. Margaret McCarthy of High Street, has entered St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton where she will study nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Hatch and family have moved into the house at 53 Whittier St. recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T.

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## FOR SENIORS

### By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

**Boston Flower Show:** The center will sponsor a trip to the New England spring flower show at the Bayside Expo on Tuesday, March 15. This year's show will feature more than 50 landscaped gardens as well as a garden marketplace filled with more than 225 retail booths. Trip cost is \$25.

**Valentine Brunch:** The center will host Frank's Famous Valentine Brunch on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Selections will include omelets, home fries, bacon, a fruit and cereal station, assorted bagels, muffins and danish, chicken Marsala, beverages and a dessert station. Tickets are \$6 and are available on an advance-purchase basis only.

**Free Health Screening:** February is "heart" month and the Andover Senior Center will host a free lipid, glucose and blood pressure screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13, sponsored by Dr. H. Manning Curtis and the staff at Heartsafe Cardiology. Appointments are not necessary. Just stop by to take advantage of this great health opportunity.

**Chinese New Year Celebration:** Come join us as we usher in the Year of the Rooster on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. Enjoy entertainment by members of the Chinese Cultural Exchange Group, followed by a Chinese buffet supper. Tickets are \$5, available on an advance-purchase basis only. This event is usually sold out, so don't delay in signing up.

**Andover Chamber Music:** The center has a limited number of tickets (reduced price of \$15) for the Andover Chamber Music Series annual valentine concert, which will take place at the Rogers Center on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the *Piano Quintet* by Brahms (see story, page 19).

**Creative Cooking/Lunch Group:** Our creative cooking and lunch group will meet again Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 11 a.m. This friendly, fun group is open to anyone who enjoys watching someone else cook, sharing a few laughs, and sampling some good food. Our February menu will be stuffed beef, medley of vegetables, Edwardian potatoes, and dessert. Cost is \$6; reservations must be made by Feb. 18.

**Brown Bag Lecture:** Join us Wednesday, Feb. 16 at noon when we will be joined by authors Joan and Leon Wilde, whose topic will be "The Bed And Breakfast Caper: Scenes That Inspired A Story." Come and enjoy a brief trip through England, illustrated with slides

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## FOR SENIORS

### LUNCH LECTURE

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from their own collection. The presenters will take us to some of the locales that inspired their story including Wisley, Stourhead, Diddot and York. A book signing with the authors will follow the presentation. Cost is \$2; advance reservations would be appreciated.

**Massage Therapy:** Another great winter offering is our on-site massage therapist who is here on Monday mornings by appointment. Just \$12 for a 20-minute treatment. If the winter weather is aggravating to your neck, shoulders, back, etc., massage could prove to be therapeutic. Call the center at 978-623-8321 to schedule an appointment.

**Movie Matinee:** Our next movie matinee will be Monday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. when we will watch the recent release, *DeLovely*, based on the life of legendary composer Cole Porter. Reservations are not necessary; just stop in.

**Podiatry Clinics:** Home Health VNA conducts two monthly podiatry clinics at the center. Give us a call at 978-623-8321 for dates, times and appointments.

**Fix-It Shop:** Our fix-it shop will be open for business again on Monday, Feb. 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

**Gift Certificates:** Gift certificates in all denominations are available at the Senior Center. They make a great gift for that hard to shop for person. Certificates are good for any program, class, trip, or special event offered by the center and may be used throughout the year.

**Men's Breakfast:** Our next men's breakfast will be held Friday, Feb. 18 at 8:30 a.m. The presenter will be wildlife educator Michelle Lunceford, whose presentation will cover tropical rainforest destruction, plant and animal life, endangered species, and layers of the rain forest. Several rainforest animals including an African parrot, kinkajou, argus monitor, skink and sugar glider will also visit us. Cost is \$3; advance reservations are necessary.

**Book Club Discussion:** The next book club discussion will take place Thursday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. Selection will be *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver.

solver. Copies of the book are available for check-out at the center, and everyone is welcome. No charge.

**Tax Preparation:** Trained tax volunteers will offer help to prepare simple tax returns. Call the center to make an appointment.

**Exercise Registration:** The week of Feb. 21 will be registration week for the spring semester of exercise classes. Offerings will include strength training for women, senior modified yoga, water workout, tai chi, easy exercise, low-impact aerobics, tap dancing, men's exercise and circuit-training for women. The fee schedule is available at the center.

**Slide/Lecture Art Series:** Well-known art lecturer Gerry Weisenberg will offer a four-part series at the center on Thursday afternoons beginning March 10. The course will focus on the work of Francisco DeGoya along with female artists from the 17th- through 20th century. Cost is \$20; pre-registration is appreciated.

**Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Concert:** The senior center has a limited number of complimentary tickets available for the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Concert on Sunday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center. Just stop by the center if you are interested in picking up a ticket.

**Town Budget Forum:** The town manager and Board of Selectmen will host a budget forum on the town manager's

## WHISTLE THRU THE THISTLE



As Tara's Thistle, Bruce and Sandy Hedman have performed traditional Irish and Scottish folk songs since 1995, entertaining crowds at libraries, bookstores, fairs, town concerts, wedding ceremonies and receptions, and coffee-houses in Connecticut. They will be at Memorial Hall Library this Sunday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. in a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Tara's Thistle also performs many traditional maritime folksongs. In addition to singing in close, two-part harmony to guitar and bodhran (Irish drum) accompaniment, they also perform on the Great Highland bagpipes, the small Lowland bagpipes, harmonica, and Irish flute and pennywhistle. In 1999 they returned from five months in Ireland and Scotland, where they learned some of the contemporary songs sung in the pubs.

recommended budget for fiscal year 2006 at the senior center on Friday, March 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. All interested town resi-

dents are invited to attend, ask questions, provide suggestions and obtain information prior to Town Meeting.

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## OBITUARIES

## DEATHS

Jean Baghdayan, 61  
Barbara L. Coffey, 82  
Esther B. Joy, 90  
Dr. Jack Monderer, 79

OBITUARIES ARE  
SUPPLIED BY  
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## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**BAGHDAYAN** — Jean Baghdayan, 61, of Tewksbury, died suddenly on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Members of her family include her sister Suzanne and husband Louis Heliotis of Andover.

**JOY** — Esther B. (Hennelly) Joy, 90, died Monday, Feb. 7 at

Salemhaven Nursing Home in Salem, N.H. She worked as a burier at the Shawshen Mills in Andover.

**MONDERER** — Dr. Jack Monderer, 79, of Lexington, died Tuesday, Feb. 8. Members of his family include his son, Stewart Monderer, and his wife, Andrea, of Andover.

## Barbara L. Coffey

Worked as an assembler, store manager

Barbara L. (Lacey) Coffey, 82, of North Andover, died Thursday, Feb. 3, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Methuen, Barbara graduated from Andover Grammar School and then Lawrence High School, class of 1941. She

worked as an assembler at CBS Electronics and then as a manager for Kent McCray, Raymond's Department Store and Zayre's Inc. before her retirement.

She was a member of St. Michael's Church in North Andover.

She enjoyed golf, country/western music, square dancing and travel.

She was the widow of Philip J. Coffey.

Members of her family

include her niece, M. Sheila McCarthy of Lawrence; two nephews, the Rev. James J. McCarthy of Braintree and Gerald F. McCarthy of North Andover; her godchild, Stacey L. Cassin of Sandown, N.H.; and several cousins and in-laws.

Arrangements were by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

## SPIRITUAL NEWS

On Monday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. in the church, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish will present Denise Morency Gannon's musical presentation of the Way of the Cross. Gannon is the director of liturgy and music at Stonehill College.

Organizers said, "Come and experience the story of one man and the story of every person reflected in word and song. All are welcome to join us in this service of song and prayer."

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish is located at 198 Haggetts Road in Andover.

For more information, call

978-683-8922.

Tonight, Thursday, Feb. 10, from 6:30 to 8, "A Heart for Valentines Day" will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.

According to organizer Thea Shapiro, there are two sides to every heart — joy and sorrow. "Come and explore your heart-felt joys and sorrows through decorating hearts. Bring your family and friends, all ages are invited," Shapiro said.

The event is free. Contact Shapiro at 978-474-9908.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

## ■ 75 YEARS AGO — 1930

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T. Lovejoy.

The subject of Rev. Alfred C. Church's Junior Sermon next Sunday, Feb. 16 at the Free Church will be "The Cherry Tree."

Dr. Carroll Penny will give a lecture on Abraham Lincoln at the next meeting of the November Club, to be held next Monday afternoon at 3:15. Afternoon tea will follow the lecture.

The Andover Police Relief Association will hold its fifth annual concert and ball in the Town Hall this evening. An elaborate program has been arranged and tickets have been selling so rapidly that an unusually large attendance is expected. A one-hour concert program will precede the dance program. The Andover Square and Compass Glee Club will entertain.

Any good Republican wishing to join the Essex Club should send his name to Henry W. Barnard at 19 Barnard St., who will send him a membership application. The dues are \$2 a year.

Interesting and beautiful costumes, some of them the property of the Andover Historical Society, will be used in the staging of "In an Antique Shop," a pageant written by Miss Ethel Tewksbury, which will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening.

The Board of Selectmen will insert an article in the Town Warrant to be acted upon at the Town Meeting in March asking for an appropriation of \$35,000 for North Main Street, to take care of the town's share of the cost of completing the railroad bridge and roadway, beyond the point originally anticipated, to meet the end of the present paved roadway on Main Street.

## 50 Years Ago — 1955

Miss Tangney of Andover won the DAR good citizen award. She was chosen by her classmates and faculty of Pundard High School. This is Miss Tangney's third year as president of her class; she is the first girl to achieve this distinction.

Umpire William R. Summers of the American League met with members of the Andover Service Club in an hour's storytelling of his years with the American League. Summers, who saw Babe Ruth only in the last three years of his career, said he felt Joe DiMaggio was the best all-around ballplayer he had ever seen, and that Ted Williams was the greatest batter with the best eye for the ball.

The number of births record-

## Hastings drops out of schools race

## TWO-WAY RACE

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Serving on the Board of Trustees for the Massachusetts Dental Society, Samuels said he frequently negotiates with insurance companies, dental school educators and handles other serious contract issues, including mediating doctor and patient relationships.

"With the training I have received, I've become one of the state leaders in our professional society at bringing people together when they have a common goal," Samuels said. "I'm quite certain that I can help bring everybody to the same side of the table since we all want the same things: quality education for our children."

Smith, the incumbent, said his No. 1 priority, and the primary reason he decided to run for reelection, was to conclude a fair and equitable contract with teachers.

"It might come as a surprise to some people that I'm the most senior member on the negotiating committee," said Smith, who has been working with fellow committee members Deb Silberstein and Tony James throughout the process.

Smith said many people are still unaware that committee members Art Barber and Dick Collins are not participating in negotiations because both their wives teach in town schools and belong to the union.

Smith said that it would not be good for the town to lose their senior negotiator as they are nearing the conclusion of a process two years in the making.

"A three-year, \$90-million contract is going to affect the lives and working conditions of hundreds of highly valued edu-

cators," Smith said. "I intend to do the right thing."

## On fees

Samuels said Andover parents are paying nearly the equivalent of private school fees to send their children to public schools.

"I'm making it my mission to find alternate sources of funding to restore the school system to what every citizen wants it to be," Samuels said, adding that he plans on exhausting every opportunity to tap funds from state and federal levels, with the help of Andover's state representatives and senator, whom he calls good friends.

"I think the people in town want somebody they trust to go through the budget line-item by

line-item to make sure every cent is spent on education," Samuels said.

Smith said he is meeting with state Sen. Sue Tucker next week to push for more state aid for town schools.

"I truly believe it's possible to build up our state education aid," said Smith, adding that as a parent of two students who get bussed to school, and another child who will be entering kindergarten next year, fees are hurting him too. "I will continue to press to recover lost funds so that we can eliminate fees. As a highly performing district, where 100 percent of the students pass MCAS, Andover should be held up as an example and not be punished by having its state aid reduced."

Excerpts from a letter David Hastings wrote explaining his decision to drop out of the School Committee race, and offer his support to fellow challenger David Samuels:

"...I entered the race for a slot on the Andover School Committee because I want to see changes in the way the committee works. There needs to be more of a shared approach for the education of our young people. The town/school gulf is too broad. The selectmen/Finance Committee/School Committee relationship does not facilitate the education of our young people. The relationship with our teachers has not been based on a unified approach — focusing on the education of young people. As a result, we are doing less with less. But, our young people are learning a lot — they are learning how not to conduct communication, they are learning how not to work together, and mostly they are learning that we haven't figured out the best way to teach them.

"At a recent School Committee meeting, I suggested that some young people in our middle schools be asked to become involved in the search process to identify two new middle school principals. Specifically, I suggested that they be asked how they felt the principals have affected their school communities, their education, what kind of a person would they like to have as a principal, and, specifically regarding the Doherty Middle School, what is it

about Principal Floyd McManus that they so obviously have loved for so many years. My simple suggestion was met with enthusiasm and support, noting how creative and interesting an idea it was. I would have thought such a suggestion would have been met with: 'Great idea — you might not realize we already do that.' The committee and the department need additional ideas, creativity, but most of all an energy that brings people together and on board.

"This is what I had wanted to deliver as my 'platform' as candidate for the School Committee. It doesn't communicate well as a series of bullets, or sound bites, but it is where my heart is and what my brain believes needs to be turned into action steps.

"Having spoken with David Samuels, I have a good feeling for the man, his values, and where his heart and brain are, too. I am very comfortable with him, and will support him in the upcoming election. Many voters would end up preferring that only one of two candidates would run, given the striking similarities of their approaches, and their interests... Whether it's David H. or David S., I think you'd be getting the same product."

## Sing for Earth and Spirit

## Merrimack Valley Peace Chorus will present Missa Gaia (Earth Mass)

The Merrimack Valley Peace Chorus will present the *Missa Gaia (Earth Mass)* Saturday, May 7 at 8 p.m.

All singers are invited to raise their voices with the Merrimack Valley Peace Chorus and accompanying instrumentalists in the monumental choral work by the Paul Winter Consort, conducted by its composer and former consort pianist, Jim Scott.

The *Missa Gaia* has become a modern classic and, since its inception, is performed annually at the Cathedral of St. John in New York.

According to organizers, "It makes a wonderful and moving observance honoring Mother's Day and Mother Earth, along with the other pieces Jim has chosen to celebrate our amazing planet."

The chorus will rehearse Wednesdays at 6 Locke St. in Andover (home of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation) from

7:30 to 9:30 p.m., beginning Wednesday, Feb. 9 (after *Townsmen* presstime this week) and running for eight weeks, leading up to the May 7 concert at Old Town Hall.

Choristers are urged to attend all rehearsals (with Feb. 16 and March 16 off).

A fee of \$25 will be charged for membership, purchase of the score and a demo CD of the music.

There will be another rehearsal Saturday, May 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., with a dinner break before meeting again for the 8 p.m. concert.

According to the Rev. Ralph Galen of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Scott works magic with singers.

The entire community is invited to join in, he said. "It's great fun and inspiring music."

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# Sports

## AHS ROUNDUP

# Tourney time

## Varsity teams await invitations

By Rick Harrison

They have gone methodically about their business for the past two months – and perhaps they have been under-appreciated.

But there is no denying – just ask any of their opponents – that the Andover High girls varsity hockey and alpine ski teams are among the best in the state.

[See stories, this page.]

to recovery is off to an encouraging start.

"She's in a positive frame of mind," said Chapman. "She's progressing. There's some mobility although she has to sit or lie down most of the time."

Since going to school would involve too much stress and strain on her back, Carly is expected to be tutored at home for the next month or so.

**Andover 143.15**  
**Chelmsford 129.45**

"The kids appeared more rested and relaxed for this meet," said coach Chapman. "Exams were pretty much over, the news about Carly was encouraging and it was the end of the tough schedule (three meets in four nights)."

"The final 143 team score was wicked impressive," added the coach.

Freshman Christina Muccio and junior Katie Infantine both recorded personal-best all-around scores, combining to place first in three of the four events, as AHS topped the 140 mark for the second time this season while rolling to the easy win at the Dunn Gym.

Muccio finished at 36.25 and Infantine was a tick behind at 36.20.

Muccio was tops in vault with a 9.2 and second in floor exercise (9.1), uneven bars (9.05) and balance beam (8.9).

Infantine led the way on beam (9.15) and floor (personal-best 9.4), while also taking third on bars (9.0) and fourth in vault (8.65).

Capt. Libby Fortier, competing in three events for the first time since suffering separate injuries to both ankles, scored a personal-best 9.45 for first on bars, 9.1 for second in vault and 8.6 for third on beam.

"Lib is obviously much better," said Chapman. "This was her first competition on beam in a while. We're still not sure if she'll do floor again this season – and if she doesn't that's fine."

Sophomore Becky Robichaud contributed a third on beam (8.7) and tied for fourth in floor at 8.8.

Capt. Meghan Harrington tied for fourth in floor (8.8), posted an 8.7 on bars and 8.45 in vault.

Sarah Coneeny competed in two events, vault (8.55) and bars.

Doing one event each were freshman Kathryn Sullivan (bars, 8.0), junior Steph Theroux (vault, 8.3), senior Lauren Reed (vault, 8.2), sophomore Renee Coiro (beam, 8.4), sophomore Jackie Hung (floor, 8.4) and senior Sheila Tayebi (floor).

"The girls were in great spirits for this meet," said coach Chapman. "Before we started I challenged them to hit that 140 we needed so much. The slogan for the night was '140 or bust.'"

"We knew we couldn't get the MVC title back – but there was plenty more to accomplish provided we didn't sit back."

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Strong performances by Christina Muccio, Katie Infantine, Libby Fortier and Meghan Harrington guided the Andover High girls gymnastics team to victories over Merrimack Valley Conference rivals Chelmsford, Tewksbury and non-league Lincoln-Sudbury as the 2005 dual-meet season came to a close.

The strong finish, which saw AHS win its last four meets after a streak-breaking loss to Central Catholic, left the locals at 9-1 overall and 6-1 in the MVC as runner-up to Central Catholic, which closed at 7-0 in the conference.

The Lady Warriors have won 55 of their last 56 dual meets and are 117-6 in their last 123 meets.

In the win over Chelmsford, Andover registered a 143.15 which is the second highest score in program history – surpassed only by the 143.80 against Shrewsbury in the 2002 non-league regular-season finale.

"We're determined to finish with a higher per-meet scoring average than Central," explained AHS head coach Julie Chapman. "Then people will wonder what happened when Central beat us – and figure we probably just experienced an off night."

## Schedule

Andover gets a second shot at Central Catholic this Saturday, when the Lady Warriors host the annual MVC Championship Meet at the Dunn Gym (3 p.m.).

The annual Blue-Gold Meet, an intrasquad competition, was held earlier this week.

AHS will also find out next Tuesday (Feb. 15) if its per-meet season average is high enough to qualify (top 8 teams) for the North Sectional Championships an impressive 16th time.

## Verrette on the mend

Sophomore Carly Verrette, who suffered a horrific fall off the uneven bars in practice two weeks ago, received some good news last week.

According to coach Chapman, the brace she is wearing is doing its job and her road



The Andover girls hockey team is sitting on a 13-1 record this season, with plenty of scoring while allowing only two or fewer goals in 11 straight games, including three shutouts.

# All kinds of triumphs

## Lady Warriors thrash the competition on the ice

By Rick Harrison

WHILE MORE HIGH-PROFILE SPORTS have been grabbing headlines, the girls skaters have quietly built a loud 13-1 overall record that has run the gamut from blowouts to one-goal victories.

The most recent triumph may have been the most impressive in the program's brief history, as the Lady Warriors destroyed a Wilmington team that entered the game undefeated (11-0) and ranked No. 1 in the Hockey Night in Boston Division 2 poll.

The 8-1 romp, blown open with a five-goal third-period outburst, featured another outstanding offensive performance by junior forward Maria Nasta and another solid showing in net by sophomore Christina Cahill.

Nasta, the first AHS girls hockey player to score 100 career points, registered her second straight hat trick (three goals) and fourth of the season.

She also set up two goals and has scored 10 points in the last two games to hike her totals to 28 goals, 13 assists for 41 points in

14 games this winter.

"Maria has stepped up her game to a level I haven't seen before," said head coach Bill McCarthy. "The whole team has really jelled the last five or six games and we couldn't be more pleased."

"The three words we use as our motto – what we aspire to in every game – are 'intensity, desire and team.'"

"It means play with intensity, have the desire to succeed and always remember to work as a team," explained McCarthy.

AHS, 49-15-8 over the past four years, is 6-0 atop the North Metro League and stands on the threshold of its first league championship.

The locals play second-place Everett (4-1 league) twice over an upcoming five-day stretch, and one victory over the Crimson Tide will clinch the league title.

"We're at the top of the mountain and we want to stay there," said McCarthy.

Nasta, whose 36 goals and 53 points last winter were school single-season records, has career totals of 78 goals and 46 assists for 124 points.

She is far from a one-dimensional power forward, as sophomore Becky Cahill is close behind with 14 goals, 26 assists for 40 points and sophomore forward Amy Burns has 11 goals, 15 assists after a four-point night against Wilmington.

Cahill is well on her way to 100 career points with 78 in less than two full seasons. Cahill's 1.46 goals against average is the best in Division 2.

"Christmas is making all the big saves when we need them," said McCarthy.

Andover has allowed two or fewer goals in 11 straight games while posting three shutouts.

Credit linemates Becky Johnson, Amy Brown, Liz Roda and Danielle Panness, with strong play in front of Cahill.

The win over Wilmington was especially sweet.

"We pounded them," said McCarthy.

"There was talk they've been pointing towards this game all season – waiting to badly since we knocked them out of the tourney last year 4-2."

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Although her absence certainly didn't cost Chelmsford the meet, the Lions would have scored higher if injured standout Robin Underwood (sprained ankle) had been healthy and able to compete.

**Andover 135.40**  
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The Lady Warriors completed a sweep of Dual County League foes (Acton-Boxboro, Westford Academy) with this convincing victory in the last of five road

meets.

Four AHS gymnasts won an event each and Meghan Harrington, the lone all-around entry for the locals, recorded a first-place 33.65 score.

Becky Robichaud was tops in floor exercise with a personal-best 9.1, while other victors were Libby Fortier on bars (9.0), Christina Muccio on balance beam (8.6) and Katie Infantine in vault (8.5).

Harrington finished second in floor (9.0), third in vault (8.35), fourth on bars (8.3) and tied for fourth on beam (8.0).

Muccio added a third on bars (8.5), Fortier was second on beam (8.5) and Infantine scored 8.1 on bars.

Lauren Reed placed fourth in vault (8.25) and tied for fourth on beam (8.0), while freshman Lauren Colby was fourth in floor with a personal-best 8.8.

Sarah Coneeny contributed an 8.2 in vault and 7.6 on bars.

Performing in one event each were Kathryn Sullivan (bars, 7.2), senior Aja Nicholson (beam, 7.4), junior Sonal Mehta (beam, 6.7), junior Donna Lamontagne (vault, 8.0), sophomore Casey Jaroche (floor, 8.2), freshman Stephanie Shin (floor, 8.0) and frosh Emily Benham (floor, 7.3).

## INDOOR TRACK

Super sophomore Rachel Fox continued her mastery of the 600 meter run, both locally and regionally, as she placed first in that event at the inaugural Massachusetts State Track Coaches Elite Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

Fox's outstanding 1:37.58 time placed her a half-second ahead of runner-up Vicki Weismann from Wachusett Regional of Holden (1:38.06), and earned her the prestigious Outstanding Performer of the Meet Award in the girls division.

Emily Korba placed fifth in the same race with a 1:40.05 clocking.

The Elite Meet brought together the top 24 athletes from across the state in each event, with qualification based on each entrant's best performances this season.

Felicia Thompson also finished fifth in the girls shot put with a top toss of 35'7".

Two AHS relay teams placed, the boys 4x400 squad of Robert Kaufman, Andy Boudreau, Vasil Kostakis and Pierre Hage a very close second to Foxboro in 3:28.82 and the girls 4x200 sprint quartet of Brittany Pierce, Caroline Pierce, Jen Hagopian and Meghan Keefe fifth in 1:48.96.

There were no team scores kept.

## Schedule

The dual meet season wrapped up yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, with an MVC crossover against Methuen at the AHS Field House (7:30 p.m.).

The MVC 1 champion AHS boys entered with a 7-0 overall record while the girls were 3-3.

This Saturday Methuen hosts the annual Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet (9:30 a.m.).

## MVC Frosh/Soph Meet

The Andover girls chalked up 50 points to finish third in a 10-team field at the Jim McGuirk/Merrimack Valley Conference Girls Freshman/Sophomore Meet at Lowell's Riddick High Field House.

Methuen emerged as team champion with 66 points and Chelmsford was second with 58.

Andover boasted one winner as freshman Mary Burke placed first in the two-mile.

Second places went to Christine Conley in the 1000 run (3:16.2) and Jen Quinlan, who cleared 4'8" in the high jump.

Rachel Westgate was third in the 1000

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## ALPINE SKIING

# This team can move mountains

Winning 40 meets in a row, Lady Warriors ice their 4th undefeated regular season

By Rick Harrison

Move over New England Patriots, the Andover High girls are building their own dynasty on the ski slopes.

The Lady Warriors completed their fourth consecutive undefeated regular season this week and stretched their impressive win streak through 40 straight meets.

The 2005 AHS girls team finished with a perfect 10-0 record by convincingly sweeping a North Shore League tri-meet at Bradford Hill against North Andover and Austin Prep.

Andover belted the Scarlet Knights, 101-34, and the Cougars, 102-33.

The locals, who have also placed among the top six teams in the State Championship Meet each of the last five years, have not tasted defeat since Feb. 6, 2001 when Masconomet Regional of Topsfield beat them.

The Andover girls are also 67-5 since 1998 with four outright NSL titles, one co-championship and two second-place finishes.

Michelle Guy swept to first place against both North Andover and Austin Prep, locking up her first individual title as the top skier in the North Shore League.

Guy's final regular season run was clocked at 21.08 seconds, as she posted a comfortable win and now prepares for the annual Interscholastic Race scheduled next Tuesday (Feb. 15) at Bradford Hill.

Carly Holstein was the second AHS skier, with her 22.95 time placing third overall against North Andover and fourth versus Austin.

Cara Suglia took a fourth (NA) and fifth (AP) with her 23.03 effort.

"Michelle has made tremendous strides this season," noted head coach Tom Busta. "Carly had a terrific race today and finished among the top 10 skiers in the league. Cara works very hard and she has stayed consistent all season."

The NSL champs grabbed 12 of the top 15 places against Austin and took 11 versus

North Andover.

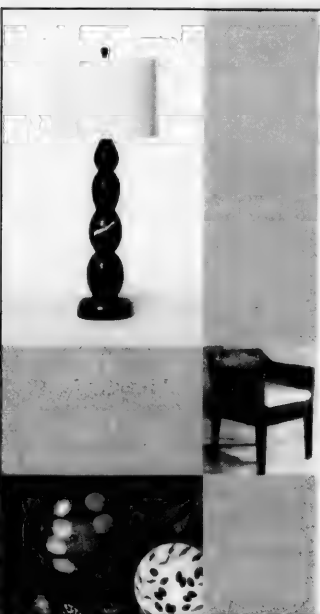
Cayley Christopher (23.19) was sixth against both opponents, and following in order were Dani Liffman (seventh, 23.22), Kayla Fosse (eighth, 23.38), Rachel O'Hara (ninth, 23.39), Colleen Heath (10th, 23.49) and Julie Harker (11th, 23.70).

Kara Bularzick (24.24) finished 12th against Austin and 13th versus North Andover, Margaret Doherty (24.66) was 14th in both meets and Amanda Carrington (24.68) placed 15th against Austin.

"The girls efforts have been rewarded," noted Busta. "Four undefeated seasons and 40 wins in a row."

Quite an accomplishment. Two other AHS girls teams also put together eye-catching streaks.

Girls swim and dive maintains a current 73-meet win skein it will carry into next fall, while girls gymnastics had a 51-meet streak snapped by Central Catholic on Jan. 29.



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## AHS ROUNDUP

## INDOOR TRACK

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run (3:17.1) and the freshman 4x400 relay also placed third in 4:59.7.

Shot putter Rachel Luccardi took fourth (24'7"), while fifths went to miler Vanessa DiPasquale (6:28.4) and high jumper Jess Forster (4'6").

Rounding out the AHS scorers in sixth were miler Erica Lyber (6:29.4) and hurdler Kelsey Erikson (8.6).

## BOYS SWIM &amp; DIVE

The Andover High boys swim and dive team closed out its dual-meet season with back-to-back Merrimack Valley Conference wins over Haverhill.

The Golden Warriors topped the Hillies 96-85 at Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech, and came back Tuesday afternoon to trim Haverhill 92-87 at the White Natatorium.

The sweep left the locals at 6-4 overall, including 6-2 for second place in the MVC behind undefeated Chelmsford (8-0 MVC, 9-2 overall).

Three of the four AHS losses were by six points or less.

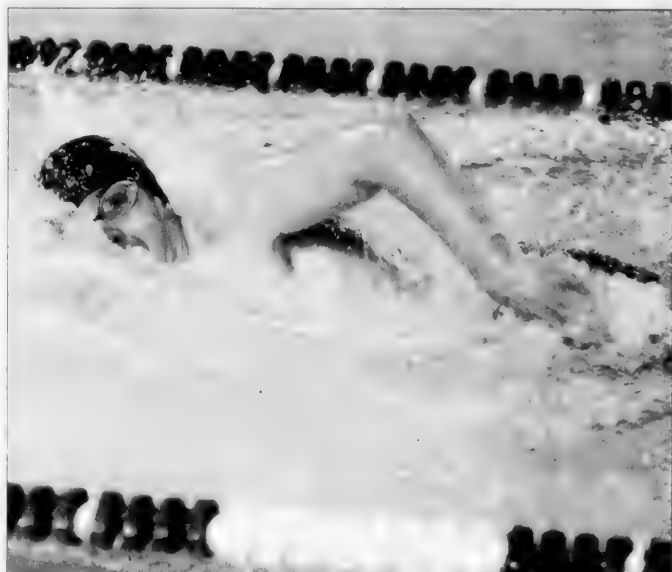
## Schedule

The annual MVC Championship Meet will be hosted by Haverhill tomorrow afternoon (Friday) beginning at 3:30.

The annual North Sectional Championship Meet is Sunday, Feb. 20 at Northeastern University, with the diving scheduled next Thursday (Feb. 17) at the Medford High pool.

Andover 96  
Haverhill 85

Several state-cut performances and personal bests highlighted this win, which saw coach Mark Taffie's Golden Warriors lead wire-to-wire and break it open with a top-three sweep of the 500 freestyle race.



Bob Medaglio (left) won the 200 freestyle and Zack Hamer took part in the in the breaststroke event as the Andover High boys swim team hosted Haverhill.



PHOTOS BY TIM LEAN

Senior Capt. Chris Mullen had another strong outing, remaining undefeated in conference competition in both the 50 free (24:04) and 100 free (53:53) sprints.

He also anchored the victorious 200 free relay which included junior Justin Samuels, sophomore Kevin O'Donnell and freshman Peter Saunders (1:40:50).

Senior Capt. Jon Meltz duplicated Mullen's effort with firsts in the 200 IM (2:11:34) and 100 backstroke (59:84), while he joined junior Rob Medaglio, Samuels and freshman anchor Peter Li on the winning 400 free relay (3:45:06).

The sweep of the 500 free included three state-cut performances by freshman Christian Bishop (personal-best 5:19:03), runner-up Medaglio (5:22:28) and Samuels (5:24:46).

Samuels led the close race for much of the time, but Bishop eventually pulled away over the final 150

yards.

Other victors were Medaglio in the 200 free (2:00:38) and the 200 medley relay of Bishop, freshman Tim Russell, Saunders and O'Donnell (1:58:03).

Freshmen divers Aaron Davidovits and Ryan Asoian both produced their most impressive day on the one-meter board, Davidovits with a personal-best state-cut 208.55 points (first time over 200) and Asoian a personal-best 148.20.

Saunders added a personal-best 1:02:40 clocking while finishing second in the 100 butterfly.

The 400 free relay of sophomore Oliver Scarborough, junior Mike Stewart, Saunders and Bishop was a runner-up (3:57:31).

Li contributed a pair of thirds in the 50 free (25:50) and 100 back (1:02:65), while other individual third places went to Scarborough (100 fly, 1:09:44), freshman Luke

Delisio (100 free, 1:02:84) and freshman Zach Hamer (100 breaststroke, 1:15:10).

Russell, junior Justin Ferguson, freshman Tom Demers and Stewart placed third in the 200 free relay (1:50:94).

Touching fourth for the locals were Stewart (200 free, personal-best 2:19:40), Scarborough (200 IM, 2:31:32), Ferguson (50 free, 27.78), O'Donnell (100 fly, 1:14:19) and Russell (100 breast, 1:15:38).

Completing the Golden Warrior scorers in fifth were Demers (200 free, 2:24:97), Hamer (200 IM, 2:32:25), freshman Mike Geraci (100 free, 1:12:69), sophomore Brian O'Connor (100 back, 1:29:57) and senior Felipe Machado (100 breast, 1:21:90).

Andover 92  
Haverhill 87

"This (final) meet was one of our better performances with solid efforts throughout the lineup," said coach Taffie.

Leading the way with a winning state-cut 59.15 time in the 100 butterfly was Justin Samuels, while he also captured the 100 breaststroke in 1:09.61.

Jon Meltz had another strong outing, the captain earning a difficult double individual win by touching first in the 200 IM (2:15:28) and the 500 free with a season-low 5:14.16.

Meltz and Samuels also joined Peter Saunders and Chris Mullen on the winning 200 medley relay (1:51:02), while Samuels teamed with Mullen, Saunders and Rob Medaglio on the victorious 200 free relay (1:41:69).

Mullen and Saunders made it three relay triumphs apiece, Mullen anchoring the first-place 400 free relay where the captain was preceded by Peter Li, Medaglio and Saunders (3:45:11).

A fourth win for Mullen came in the 50 free, where he breezed in with a time of 24.33 seconds.

AHS earned 10 firsts in all, other individual winners Medaglio (200 free, 1:58:79), and Li (100 free, 56:47).

Runners-up included Medaglio (100 fly, 1:00:50), Saunders (100 free, personal-best 57:18) and the 200 free relay of Luke Delisio, Kevin O'Donnell, Mike Stewart and Oliver Scarborough (1:48:26).

Finishing third were Zach Hamer (200 IM, 2:30:57), Delisio (50 free, personal-best 26:66) and O'Donnell (100 backstroke, 1:11:32).

Third-place relays for the locals were Felipe Machado (200 free, 2:19:36), junior Pat Delacoste (50 free, 28.03), O'Donnell (100 fly, 1:13:00), Justin Ferguson (100 free, 1:06:63), Scarborough (500 free, 6:14:65), Janetti (100 back, 1:15:93) and Hamer (100 breast, 1:15:06).

Garnering fourths for the locals were Felipe Machado (200 free, 2:19:36), junior Pat Delacoste (50 free, 28.03), O'Donnell (100 fly, 1:13:00), Justin Ferguson (100 free, 1:06:63), Scarborough (500 free, 6:14:65), Janetti (100 back, 1:15:93) and Hamer (100 breast, 1:15:06).

One-meter diver Ryan Asoian was also fourth with 106.30 points.

Adding fifths were Stewart (200 free, 2:22:89), Scarborough (200 IM, 2:33:62), Demers (500 free, personal-best 6:28:28), Ferguson (100 back, 1:26:23) and Machado (100 breast, 1:24:87).

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lowell High girls basketball team picked a terrible time to play its best game of the season — and snap a 13-year victory drought against Andover.

The Red Raiders overcame a 26-point power performance by Jackie Powers on Tuesday night in Lowell, defeating AHS 60-55 and costing the locals a share of the Merrimack Valley Conference Division I championship.

Central Catholic, which handed the Lady Warriors their only other

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defeat this winter, grabbed sole ownership of the title by finishing one game ahead in the standings.

The loss, which followed a 72-37 romp over Methuen, left coach Jim Tildsley's crew at 14-2 overall and 10-2 in MVC 1.

Dominant for the most part this season, Andover has posted blowout wins this season by 44, 41, 35, 30, 27, 23, 22 and 20-point margins.

The 14 wins boost coach Jim Tildsley's spectacular career record at AHS to 197-31 in 10 years, as the countdown to milestone victory No. 200 nears completion.

## Schedule

The MVC season concludes tonight (Thursday) with a home game against pesky Haverhill at the Dunn Gym (7:30, weather permitting). The Hillies gave Andover fits before bowing, 58-50, in an earlier meeting.

The Lady Warriors play at Central Mass. power Gardner High next Monday night (7:30 p.m.), travel to Arlington Catholic on Wednesday for a makeup and host Arlington Catholic in the non-league regular season finale next Friday, Feb. 18 at the Dunn Gym (Senior Night).

## Scoring leaders

With a team-high 226 points through the first 16 games this season (14.1 ave.), Jackie Powers has boosted her three-year total to 683.

Maggie Cosgrove has 176 points and Meghan Thomann 161 through 16 games.

## Lowell 62

## Andover 55

Lowell had not beaten AHS since before Tildsley took control, the last Red Raiders win coming 12 years and 24 games ago.

"This loss is an especially tough one because it cost us the championship," said Tildsley.

"Lowell played a great game. Give them credit. They really wanted it. They were aggressive and they're usually tough to beat at their gym."

"They hurt us down low in the block and made all their key free throws down the stretch."

"Our girls played hard but we didn't execute on defense. We gave up too many easy shots inside," noted Tildsley.

The game was tied 28-28 at the half, and a 7-0 Andover run to start the second half made it 35-28 with three minutes gone.

But Lowell (13-4, 9-3 MVC 1) battled back to grab a six-point lead before the locals caught up and the game seasawed the rest of the way.

"This is definitely the biggest regular season win I've had at Lowell High," said Red Raiders' 10th-year coach Mike Crowley. "You could see our girls' confidence growing as the game went along. It was absolutely exciting for us."

Back on Jan. 13 Andover had drilled Lowell, 53-30, at the Dunn Gym.

In addition to her game-high 26 points, Powers contributed six rebounds, five assists and three steals.

No one else reached double figures for the two-time reigning Eastern Mass. Division I champs, as Meghan Thomann and Maggie Cosgrove both netted nine points.

Cosgrove added six boards and two steals while Thomann had two assists.

Emily Pallotta was solid with seven points, six assists and six steals.

Jessie Koffman and Kelly O'Dea completed the scoring with a basket each, while Sam Kerivan ripped down seven rebounds and had a blocked shot.

Sophomore forward Kelly Rogers powered Lowell with a career-high 20 points, and she made four key free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Junior standout Courtney Schermerhorn added 18 points, including a traditional three-point play that halted an AHS rally.

Freshman point-guard Ashley Rivera also hit double digits with 10 points, and she handled Andover's vaunted full-court pressure with poise. A key driving hoop by Rivera with 1:15 to play gave LHS a four-point lead.

"Our girls realize the magnitude of this win and what it means to our program," said coach Crowley.

## Andover 72

## Methuen 37

Capt. Jackie Powers tossed in 19 points and Meghan Thomann contributed 12, leading 11 players into the scoring column against host Methuen which dropped its 13th straight game.

Maggie Cosgrove contributed eight points, Laura Renfro six, Emily Pallotta five, Sara Kelleher five and Capt. Brittany Moriarty five for the locals.

Rounding out the multi-pronged attack were Jen Merinder and Katelyn Caro with four points each, Jessie Koffman two and Sam Kerivan two.

Jessie Shields started the game and pulled down seven rebounds. "Shields and Merinder played very well for us," said Tildsley.



The cheerleaders performed during Tuesday's boys game. AHS beat Lowell, 65-54.

The Lady Warriors, who blasted once-proud Methuen 50-28 earlier this season, enjoyed a 19-point 35-16 lead at halftime.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys basketball team qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament for the 16th straight year under head coach Dave Fazio, and kept its slim Merrimack Valley Conference Division I title hopes alive, with victories over Methuen (50-38) and Lowell (65-54).

The Lowell win Tuesday night proved that Casey Cosgrove is all the way back from his pre-season

broken arm, as he exploded for 25 points and passed out 10 assists for a dazzling double-double.

The sweep hiked the Golden Warriors record to 11-6 overall, 10-5 in terms of tournament qualification and 8-3 in MVC 1.

AHS remains third in the division, but thanks to a 90-75 Central Catholic win over Haverhill last Friday head coach Dave Fazio's crew is just one game behind co-leaders Central and Haverhill (both 9-2 MVC).

As luck would have it, the final two AHS conference games are on the road tonight (Thursday) at Haverhill, weather permitting, and next Tuesday at Central.

Andover lost to both those teams the first time around, but the 58-55 (Haverhill) and 62-52 (Central)

scores indicate the locals could have won either or both games.

What makes it tougher, however, is that both upcoming showdowns are on enemy hardwood.

"We're absolutely thrilled to have made the tourney again - and kept ourselves in contention for the title," said Fazio. "We still have a shot at first and that's awesome."

"We've been held together by a lot of band-aids this season and now they're all starting to come off. We're getting healthy at the right time."

"The Lowell game was also 'Senior Night,'" said Fazio. "It was a perfect time to again point out the selflessness and leadership of our two seniors, Matty Renfro and Stephen Games."

"They've been tremendous all year. Their work ethic and intensity epitomizes the best qualities of all our graduates from the last 16 years."

Renfro Games, the senior cheerleader and their parents were all escorted to center court before the game for special introductions and a presentation of roses.

## Schedule

Andover will compete in the four team Acton-Buxton Invitational Tournament Feb. 20 and 22.

AHS faces Framingham in the semifinal round (6 p.m.).

Host A-B, which knocked the Golden Warriors out of the Division 1 North Tournament last year with a 64-59 semifinal round win, is currently 13-2.

## Scoring leaders

Greg Vetrano has pumped in 389 points in the first 17 games for a hefty 22.9 average.

With 15 points as a freshman and 118 last year as a sophomore, Vetrano has boosted his career total to 522.

Vetrano is pretty much assured of becoming the second member of his family to score 1,000 career points provided he stays healthy.

He is also on a current pace to score more than 600 points if Andover qualifies for the tournament.

Brother Chris is the all-time AHS points leader, and the school's only 2,000-point scorer, having graduated last spring with 2,090 including 559 last year.

Bobby Hughes is also averaging in double figures with 199 points (11.7 ave.), as is Casey Cosgrove with 66 points in just five games (13.2).

## Andover 50

## Methuen 38

The visiting Rangers, who gave Andover fits the first time around before the locals prevailed 60-58 on Jan. 7, were stubborn again at this game, dominated by strong defense on both sides.

The 50 points tied the third lowest total of the season for AHS while the 38 by Methuen marked the second time the Golden Warriors held a team below 40 (46-36 win over Lowell).

Greg Vetrano was game-high with 16 points and he also passed out six assists.

Bobby Hughes produced another double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Casey Cosgrove contributed seven points, seven assists and three steals.

Sophomore forward Luis Carpio and freshman forward Peter White netted six points each while Carpio returned his strong work at the glass with seven rebounds.

Junior guard Sam Ball buried his first three pointer of the season and Steve Games wrapped up the offense with a head shot.

AHS, which all the way held a 25-16 halftime advantage

## Andover 65

## Lowell 54

The Golden Warriors continued their mastery of Lowell with this Senior Night triumph in the final regular season home game at the Dunn Gym Tuesday night.

Casey Cosgrove stole the show with his superb 25 point, 10-assist gem, which included four three-pointers and 9-of-19 shooting from the free throw line.

Also in double digits were Bobby Hughes and Greg Vetrano, who scored 16 and 10 points respectively.

Hughes added six rebounds and Vetrano, in early foul trouble and suffering an off-night shooting (3-for-10), collected three steals.

Host Carpio and Peter White finished with five points and five boards each, while senior honorees Renfro and Games both had a bucket.

Lowell finished with a 24-21 edge in field goals, but Andover held a 6-1 advantage in treys and shot a sizzling 17-for-22 from the stripe (77 percent) to Lowell's forgettable 7-for-18.

The Golden Warriors, who topped Lowell 46-36 earlier this season, led 31-21 at the half.

## Player of the Fortnight

This week's recipient of the Baystate Financial Services Player of the Fortnight award is actually two people: twin brothers Max and Sam Ball. Coach Dave Fazio applauded their contributions to the boys varsity team.

"Max and Sam have done everything that any coach could ask to help make our team successful. These guys are selfless, hardworking and intelligent, and they make our team better every day. While they haven't yet gotten a lot of playing time, they are and will be instrumental in our team improvement and in helping to build our program."

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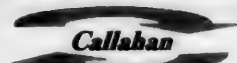
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## AHS ROUNDUP

## ■ GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

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"They also saw a win over us as a way of legitimizing their record and Hockey Night ranking."

"We just took it as another game and prepared the same way as we do for every other opponent," said McCarthy.

Prior to the win over Wilmington, Maria Nasta pocketed a hat trick and set up two other goals as Andover handled host Waltham, 6-2, in a North Metro League game.

Nasta figured in each of the last five tallies for the Lady Warriors, who have qualified for the State Division 2 Tournament.

Last year the locals reached the state semifinals, beating Marblehead (10-2) and Wilmington (4-2) before bowing out with an 4-3 overtime loss to Wellesley.

## Schedule

A game against Gloucester scheduled for last night (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, was postponed with no makeup date announced.

The locals instead played a controlled game scrimmage against co-op club team Wayland/Weston.

A tough game is on tap this Saturday night when Boston Latin comes to the Phillips Academy Harrison Rink (6:20 p.m.).

The Lady Warriors edged the Wolfpack, 2-1, in their first meeting Jan. 17.

"They feel like we stole one from them earlier this season and they're gunning for us," said coach McCarthy.

The crucial first-place showdowns against Everett are next Monday, Feb. 14 at Everett (3 p.m.) and at the Harrison Rink on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 5:50 p.m.

Andover 8  
Wilmington 1

Backing up Maria Nasta's hat trick with two goals each were Capt. Jacqui Munro and 8th-grader Heather Paonessa.

The Lady Warriors inched ahead on the first of Munro's goals at 2:33 of the opening period.

Nasta and Alison Burns made it 3-0 with second-period goals less than two minutes apart (8:33 and 10:25).

Munro pocketed an unassisted goal at 1:37 of the third, and Nasta completed her hat trick with a pair of power play goals only 82 seconds apart at 4:09 and 5:31.

Wilmington's Casey Pickett spoiled Christina Cahill's shutout bid with the lone "Cats tally at 5:46.

Heather Paonessa retaliated with the first two goals of her varsity career at 8:31 and 10:28.

Becky Cairns and Burns passed out three assists each. Nasta had a pair and Danielle Paonessa set up the first of her twin sister's tallies.

Cahill made 12 saves as Andover finished with an 18-13 shooting edge.

Andover 6  
Waltham 2

The locals finally returned to the ice competitively for the first time in 10 days.

"We were a little flat and a bit rusty after the layoff," said coach McCarthy. "But eventually we settled into a pretty good groove."

Becca Lindmark gave AHS a quick lead with a goal just 2:01 after the opening faceoff, assists to Becky Cairns and Heather Paonessa.

Holly Glynn tied it 53 seconds later (2:54) for the Lady Hawks, but Nasta put Andover ahead to stay with the first of her three goals at 10:54 of the opening stanza.

Jacqui Munro and Alison Burns both notched assists on the Nasta strike.

Cairns pumped in the first of

three power play goals by the locals at 3:40 of the middle session, setups to Becky Johnson and Nasta.

There were 18 penalties whistled in the game, with 10 against Waltham, and the Lady Warriors capitalized on their power play opportunities.

"Waltham is the second team that's tried to come out and give it to us physically," said McCarthy. "But we don't back down."

"They ended up taking some bad penalties and we took advantage."

Glynn's second goal of the game at 6:09 brought the home team back within a goal at 3-2.

Andover then pumped in three straight in the final period to break the game open.

Nasta (3:09) and Johnson (4:31) notched rapid-fire power play goals just 82 seconds apart.

Cairns and Munro assisted on Nasta's tally, while Burns and Nasta lent a hand on the Johnson marker.

Nasta capped the attack at 12:21 with an unassisted breakaway goal.

Christina Cahill made eight saves in the AHS net as the winners finished with a 20-10 shooting edge, including a wide 13-4 advantage in the pivotal third period.

## ■ BOYS BASKETBALL

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gram."

The next award, to a girls varsity player will be announced next week.

## BOYS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High boys varsity hockey team suffered a pair of tough one-goal losses on enemy ice, the Golden Warriors nipped 1-0 by Lowell at the Tsongas Arena and 4-3 by Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 rival Haverhill at the Hillies' Veterans Memorial Rink.

The double dip dropped first-year coach Mario Martiniello's club to 4-4-4 overall and 1-2-3 in division play. Three of the four losses have been by one goal.

## Schedule

Andover played another key MV/DCL 2 game last night (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, against division leader Boston Latin (10-1-2).

This Saturday night the Golden Warriors host Lincoln-Sudbury at the Valley Forum in Lawrence (8

p.m.), hoping to avenge an 8-3 loss to division rival L-S on Jan. 19.

Two snowed-out home games with Tewksbury and Central Catholic have been tentatively rescheduled for Feb. 14 and Feb. 24, respectively, at the Valley Forum.

## Colby update

Junior forward Matt Colby, who suffered a shoulder injury in the 5-0 win over Dracut on Jan. 12, missed the Boston Latin, Lincoln-Sudbury, Methuen and Haverhill games.

The injury was diagnosed as either a separation or a fracture of the growth plate.

Colby, who is back skating and practicing, is scheduled for an MRI tomorrow (Friday) which should give an indication when he'll be able to play again.

## Alumni Game

An Andover High boys hockey Alumni Game has been scheduled for Friday, Feb. 25 at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink (8 p.m.).

All former Golden Warrior players are invited to participate.

## Scoring leaders

Tucker Mullin and John Hyslip headed the balanced attack through 12 games, each with six goals and six assists for 12 points.

Joe Benedix and Phil Kim had five goals, five assists apiece and other team leaders were Matt Colby (4-4-8), Austin Gilbert (2-6-8), A.J. Drivas (4-3-7) and Colin Brennan (2-5-7).

## Lowell 1

## Andover 0

The Golden Warriors were shut out for the first time this season, as Lowell goaltender Steve DiDomenico made 28 saves to steal the win at Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

"We had quite a few shots but not many quality scoring chances," admitted coach Martiniello.

"We didn't come to the arena with our 'A' game. We got off to another slow start - with only five shots in the first period."

AHS finished with a flourish, managing 15 shots in the final session, but DiDomenico was equal to the challenge.

"We woke up too late," said Martiniello. "Our players have to learn you can't just turn it on when you want and expect to win."

Jim McSweeney netted the game's only goal for Lowell (8-2-3) at 13:32 of the second period.

Freshman goaltender Zach Frish made eight saves for Andover as the locals finished with a wide 28-9 shooting edge.

## Haverhill 4

## Andover 3

The host Hillies (6-3-4) scored a pair of third-period goals to pull out the tight triumph.

Freshman forward John Hyslip, sophomore defenseman Dan Godefroi and junior forward Phil Kim netted one goal each for the Golden Warriors.

Passing out the AHS assists were junior forwards Mike LaMagna and Austin Gilbert, sophomore forward Colin Brennan and senior defensemen Mike Muccio and Capt. Matt Quinlan.

Andover outshot Haverhill, 31-27, and freshman goalie Zach Frish made 23 saves for the locals.

Dave Auricchio paced the Hillies with two goals.

The evenly-matched rivals had skated to a 2-2 tie in their first meeting Jan. 8 at the Valley Forum.

## BOYS GYMNASTICS

A solid all-around performance by senior Alex Bergeson, competing in his final high school dual meet, was not enough as the Andover High boys gymnastics team dropped a 127.90 to 117.00 non-league inter-state decision to host Salem, N.H. on Tuesday night.

That result left the Golden Warriors with a final record of 3-5.

## Schedule

The State Coaches Invitational, an individual competition, is listed for tonight (Thursday) at Attleboro High, weather permitting, and the State Team Championship Meet is Feb. 18 at Braintree High (both 7 p.m.).

## Salem, N.H. 127.90

## Andover 117.00

AHS had to settle for a season split with the Blue Devils, the locals winning the first meeting handily, 123.10 to 87.10, a week earlier.

A big difference this time around was the presence of Salem standout Evan Weiner, who missed the first meet with a shoulder injury but won the all-around in this one with a 38.10 while competing in five of the six events.

Bergeson was outstanding for the Golden Warriors, placing second all-around with a 33.50.

His night included a first place in vault with an 8.1, tie for first on rings (4.6), second in floor exercise (7.0), second on parallel bars (5.4), third on side horse (4.2) and third on high bar (4.2).

Junior Mike Fortier also placed top three in two events, grabbing second on high bar (4.5) and third in vault (7.6).

Senior Jim Grieve shared first place on rings with Bergeson (4.6).

## COLLEGE ICE



The Andover Hockey Association's girls team in the Pee-Wee Division participated in play between periods of the UNH vs. Providence women's game, held at the Whittemore Center in Durham, N.H. on Jan. 30. The AHA girls team members are, from left: Front row: Hanna Insuik and Mickayla Johnston. Second row: Lauren Thiel, Julia LeBlanc, Lauren LeBlanc, Morgan Manning, Marissa Johnston, Jamie Newsome, Jenny Levenson, Laura Cahill and Alicia Nader. Back Row: Jillian Manning, Emily Appleton, Julie Zavri, Kaitlin Fanikos, Erica Vanandel and Lea Macheras. The team is coached by Gregg Manning; Joe Cahill and Scott Johnston are assistant coaches.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### Chocolate is essential

Valentine's Cocoa Angel Food Cake with Chocolate Ganache and Red Raspberry Coulis

It's

that time of year, the day of wearing one's heart on one's sleeve and chocolate on one's hips. On Valentine's Day, more chocolate is sold than on any other day of the entire year. I completely understand why. Chocolate is indulgent and sinfully soothing. My first office in South Boston was located a few blocks past a chocolate factory, and every morning while driving to work I inhaled those luscious fumes. Somehow the aroma wafted through the windows of my car, regardless of the outside temperature or weather conditions. Years later, my elder daughter, Emily, wrote a report entitled "How Chocolate is Made," and I smiled, closed my eyes and breathed in my fragrant memories. I remember the day my younger daughter, Jillian, asked, "What is the most essential element on our planet?" Without hesitation I answered, "Chocolate." Unfortunately, her science teacher did not appreciate this response on a test the following day.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Terry Kay Bargar

The basis of many chocolate candies and fillings is ganache. Ganache is a high-fat mixture of cream and chocolate; the ratio between the two ingredients determines how firm the ganache will be. One to one results in a liquid ganache, two parts chocolate to one part cream will yield a firmer outcome, and three to one... Well, you get the idea.

For those of us trying to lose weight, however, cream and chocolate can be red flags. For us, Dutch process cocoa powder is a fantastic ingredient that packs a chocolaty punch. It contains 10- to 25-percent fat, far less than ganache (or even a candy bar). This angel food cake is made with cocoa powder, but finished with a soft ganache. It's the best of both worlds.

Drizzled with a tart red raspberry coulis, this cake looks beautiful and tastes moist and light. Which would you rather have on Feb. 14: a bouquet of roses or the bouquet of mouth-watering chocolate?

#### INGREDIENTS FOR THE COCOA ANGEL FOOD CAKE:

Note: you will need a 2-part tube pan

- 12 egg whites (either from a dozen eggs or 1-1/2 cartons of pasteurized egg whites)
- 1 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- pinch of salt
- 1 cup sugar (I tried substituting no-calorie sweetener, but the result was an unpleasant aftertaste)

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## Local teen actor lands Disney, network comedy roles

Kunal Sharma can be seen on *Phil of the Future*

By Judy Wakefield

A LOCAL TEEN ACTOR who left Andover for Hollywood last year is beginning to cash in on the move.

As they say in Hollywood, Kunal Sharma "got the call" several weeks ago and has been cast in the show *Phil of the Future*, which airs on the Disney channel.

He was one of some 200 teens who auditioned for a coveted role on the popular show. The show centers on the Diffy family, who are stuck in the early 21st century, which they consider the past. He plays an inventor on one episode of the show, which boasts an audience of 4 million, mostly teen viewers. Sharma wrapped up shooting last week, although the airing date for his episode has not yet been set, as editing is underway. He speculated that the show will air in late June or July on the Disney channel.

"I'm a snazzy, intelligent inventor who is very clever," Sharma said of his role, in a phone interview from his California home this week. "It was a lot of fun for me to be on this set. There were so many perfectionists and (it was) a great learning experience."

The casting director for the show has also worked with the casts of *Wonder Years*, *That's So Raven* and *Lizzie McGuire*.

Sharma said being around such an accomplished casting director was also a great experience for him.

"I'm just really excited. It's a great time for me," said Sharma, who is 17 and living with his mother, Uma Sharma, in Burbank, Calif. Meanwhile, his father, Naresh Sharma, lives in Andover with his daughter who is attending medical school.

The split family life was a big concern for Uma and Naresh Sharma, but it is what Kunal wanted. The parents said their



Kunal Sharma rose above the competition to land a part on *Phil of the Future*, which airs on the Disney Channel.

son is very committed to a Hollywood acting career and they support him.

"It's unusual," Naresh Sharma said of his split family. "It was a big concern for me as

a dad. But we talked about it and decided this is what my son really wants. And we went with it."

Uma Sharma said her son's education remains his important task, and he is taking high school classes in California. Kunal completed his sophomore year at Andover High School before moving west. At AHS, he also kept busy with a role in the independent film *The Voodoo Dancer*.

Filmed in Andover and North Andover last spring, it is a supernatural thriller about a boy possessed by the ghost of a teenage dancer. Kunal played the boy.

He's been acting and making up monologues since age 7 and also has some modeling experience on his resume. He was once awarded an honorable mention by the Barizon Modeling and Talent Agency for his acting skill.

Acting is clearly his passion and his parents intend to support that, wherever it takes him.

"He has a lot of positive energy about this and we support him. I am very happy with the way things are going for him," said Uma Sharma, who moved to California with her son last September.

The Sharmas are especially thrilled that Kunal has also landed a role in a major network comedy. Legal contractual restrictions prohibit them from saying which network. But Kunal could say that he has been cast in a sitcom and filming starts at the end of next month. He auditioned for this role in Toronto and has been signed to a six-year contract, he said.

He'll be busy rehearsing and acting for the next few months, but plans to stay focused on what has earned him some acting success in just five short months.

"Hard work, talent and a little bit of luck is what counts most," he said.

"It was a lot of fun for me to be on this set. There were so many perfectionists and (it was) a great learning experience."

KUNAL SHARMA (AT LEFT), WHILE AT ANDOVER HIGH, SHARMA APPEARED IN THE INDEPENDENT FILM "THE VOODOO DANCER."



## Celebrating Valentine's Day

### A musical peek at 'Intimate Letters'

8th Annual Valentine Concert is Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:30

THE ANDOVER CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES, Julia Scolnik, artistic director, invites music lovers to an evening concert celebrating Valentine's Day, on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack

College, North Andover. The concert, entitled "Intimate Letters," features the Borromeo String Quartet and pianist Max Levinson in a program of chamber music by Johannes Brahms, Leos Janacek, and Earl Kim.

As this concert demonstrates,

behind many great works of music lies a hidden love story. Earl Kim's *Dear Linda*, for piano, cello, flute, percussion and narrator sets to music a spoken letter of advice, confession and love written by the poet Anne Sexton to her daughter. It

is a haunting yet affecting piece that reflects the affection of a mother for her daughter despite her uneasy emotional state; five years later, the poet took her own life.

Late in his life, inspired by a profound attraction for a young married woman, Leos Janacek entered one of the most productive phases of his musical career, organizers said. It culminated in the *String Quartet No. 2, Intimate Pages*, which traces the course of the relationship and evokes his affection for her.

Brahms' *Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 34*, has been called "beautiful beyond words," and it remains one of the composer's most beloved works, organizers said.

Like Janacek, Brahms received much creative inspiration and critical advice from an intimate friend, Clara Schumann, whom Brahms loved throughout his life.

Audiences around the world respond to what the critics call "heart-stopping performances" of the Borromeo String Quartet.

Members are joined in this concert by pianist Max Levinson, who has developed a wide reputation as an intelligent and sensitive artist with a fearless technique. His international career was launched when he won First Prize at the 1997 Dublin International Piano Competition, the first American to do so. Later he was awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant in 1999.

Tickets are \$30 and \$25. Group sales and \$8 student rush tickets are available. Call 978-474-6222 or go to [www.andoverchambermusic.org](http://www.andoverchambermusic.org).



The Borromeo String Quartet will perform Saturday evening at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, joined by pianist Max Levinson in a program of chamber music by Johannes Brahms, Leos Janacek, and Earl Kim. The program is presented by the Andover Chamber Music Series.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Thursday, Feb. 10

**A Heart for Valentine's Day**, a program to explore the two sides of every heart — joy and sorrow while decorating hearts with family and friends of all ages, 6:30-8 p.m., free, Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St., Thea Shapiro 978-474-9908.

**The Laramie Project**, a documentary-style, on-stage production of the events surrounding the beating death of Matthew Shepard, a 22-year-old student who fell victim to a hate crime that attracted national attention, 7 p.m., \$10, \$5 students and seniors, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover, 978-837-5355.

**Tsunami disaster discussion**, a variety of perspectives presented by panelists, including Henry Francis, a physician working with World Visions, and faculty members, 6:30-7:45 p.m., free, Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy, 5 Chapel Ave., 978-749-4135.

**The Gardens of Savannah**, a presentation by Savannah, Ga. designer Karin Jones, sponsored by the Village Garden Club of Andover, refreshments 7:30 p.m., program at 8 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, 978-623-8400.

**The college admission process**, "Choice, not Chance," a presentation for parents of students in Andover and North Andover high schools, geared to help reduce the inherent stress of this competitive effort, 7 p.m., free, Collins Center at Andover High School, Shaw-shen Road; Peggy Cain 978-623-8603.

**Homebased Businesswomen's Network**, "How to De-stress Your Life," with experts Ellen Skryness, MEd and Dr. Ellen Blometh, 7 p.m., \$10, Village Green Restaurant, Route 1 North (Newbury

Street), Danvers; Lisa Kowski 978-468-9669.

**Opening reception**, "Advanced Photography #3," the third show of this type in the last four years, features work of the Andover High Advanced Photography class (and one from their teacher) from the last semester, through the end of February; all works are professionally presented, both framed and matted; 7-8:30 p.m. including a musical performance from Andover High's own Simple Sam; students, parents, teachers, administrators and public welcome; Starbucks, Main Street; Jonathan Wachs 617-524-4242.

### Friday, Feb. 11

**PFLAG meeting**, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, meeting, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.; Ralph Galen 978-475-4454.

**Lowell WinterFest**, kickoff at Lowell City Hall with dancing to local bands at "Polar Party in Club Celsius" (Arcand Drive), photos with Lowla Bear in the "Arctic Circle" (JFK Plaza), food at the "Arctic Grill" (Merrimack Street), "Glacier Galleries" arts and crafts fair (Masonic Temple), Soup Bowl Competition (Masonic Temple), 6 p.m.-1 a.m.; Saturday events start at noon for the entire family including public skate, snowman-making, and the Human Dog Sled competition, tickets \$5; 978-970-4257 or 970-470-4000, or visit [www.cultureiscool.org/2005winterfest](http://www.cultureiscool.org/2005winterfest).

**Wine and chocolate tasting and silent auction**, to benefit Merrimack Valley Feline Rescue Society, featuring fine wines and chocolates donated by many Newburyport- and Portsmouth-area restaurants and wine merchants, 6-10 p.m., tickets \$50, Newburyport City Hall, 60 Pleasant St., Newburyport; for tickets, call 978-462-0760 or e-mail

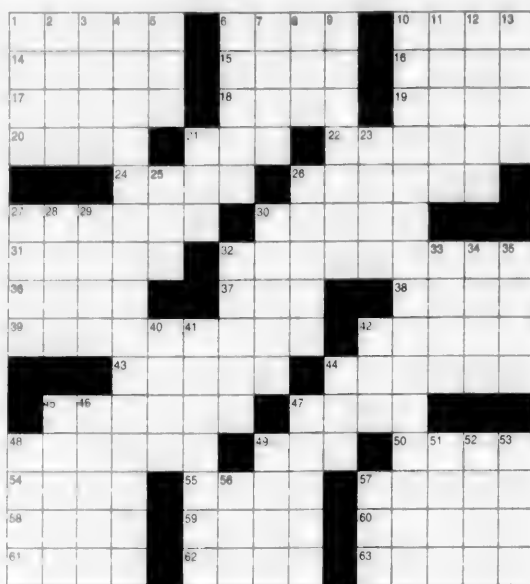
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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Have a certain rating
6. Oil cartel
10. Jujitsu
14. Acid
15. Blackjack
16. Exploiter
17. Colossus
18. Shoshonean
19. Carpet slipper
20. Musical interval of two semitones
21. Of she
22. Offends
24. Juicy, gritty-textured fruit
26. Escargots
27. Greek shawl
30. Smooth fabric of silk or rayon
31. Extensive landed property
32. Speaks in two tongues
36. Flog
37. Social insect
38. At some prior time
39. Military science for planning
42. Ablaze
43. Fill with high spirits
44. An athlete who lifts barbells
45. Flushes
47. Belch
48. Achiever
49. Man's best friend
50. Fail to obtain
54. A small lake
55. Wading birds
57. Smoke



58. Impulse
59. Negatives
60. Auto model
61. Nurture
62. Tainted
63. Checks

## CLUES DOWN

1. Table and linen
2. Utter sounds
3. An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
4. Neatly done
5. Avoidupois unit
6. Orange yellow
7. Low in degree
8. Clairvoyance
9. Red wine
10. Where to take the plunge
11. Ordinary
12. Hollows
13. Limonite and zinc
21. Owns
23. Emotional distress
25. A winged goddess
26. Plural of sodium chloride
27. Catch
28. Resound
29. Persona non grata
30. From a time
32. Teases
33. Entity
34. Unit of measurement
35. Sneer
40. Curve
41. A way of paving
42. Zephyr
44. Marine worm
45. Gain
46. A way to perform a dance
47. Autocratic
48. Exhort
49. Day (Latin)
51. Musical composition
52. Choose
53. Geological times
56. Scarf
57. Vessel

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**Sweet Arts Stroll**, historic downtown Haverhill celebrates Valentine's Day with art, treats, music, raffles and activities, browse Wingate, Washington, and Essex streets for art, jewelry, flowers, food, and more; for information, The Wingate Street Arts; Margot's Gallery 978-373-0200.

**Friday night Jazz Room**, "The John Stein Jazz Group," doors open at 7 p.m., music 8 p.m., \$7 cover, The Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; Kristen Dinsmore 978-388-9444.

**The Laramie Project**, see Feb. 10 entry.

## Saturday, Feb. 12

**Valentines for charity**, the Devon Nicole House at Children's Hospital, Boston will benefit from the proceeds of the fifth annual Valentines Dinner and Silent Auction, 5:30-6:30 p.m. reception, hors d'oeuvres, and balloon sales, followed 6:30-11:30 p.m. by formal dinner, entertainment, dancing, and silent auction, \$75 per plate, corporate sponsors needed, Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.; Tom Missert 888-594-8354 or www.devonhouse.org.

**Crossroads Coffeehouse**, featuring the popular band Wildest Dreams, doors open 7:15 p.m., concert starts



## Wildest Dreams at Crossroads Coffeehouse

at 8 p.m., \$14, North Parish Church, 190 Academy Rd., North Andover; 978-687-3960 (978-687-7948 evening of concert) or www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org).

**Andover Chamber Music**, "Intimate Letters," Eighth Annual Valentine Concert, featuring The Borromeo String Quartet, Max Levinson, piano, and ACMS artistic director and flutist Julia Scolnik, 7:30 p.m., tickets \$30 and \$25, student rush \$8, group sales available, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-474-6222 or info@andoverchambermusic.org.

**Hat and mitten drive**, "Give Back," a volunteer group of North Andover high school students, organized the drive to benefit Lazarus House, prize of a "Night Out on the Town" goes to the 50th person to donate, donations may be dropped off (8 a.m.-noon) at the Joseph N. Hermann Youth Center, 33 Johnson St., North Andover; Jenn Conway 978-682-9000.

**Spin for the animals**, "Tour de Pooch & Pals" is sponsored by several area gyms to raise funds for the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Nevins Farm, registration required, \$20; register through several gyms, including Cedarvale in Haverhill, Mary Lou Medlock 978-373-1596, or Gold's Gym in Methuen, Elena Scuderi 978-738-4653.

**Lowell Winter Fest**, noon-8 p.m., see Feb. 12 entry.

## Sunday, Feb. 13

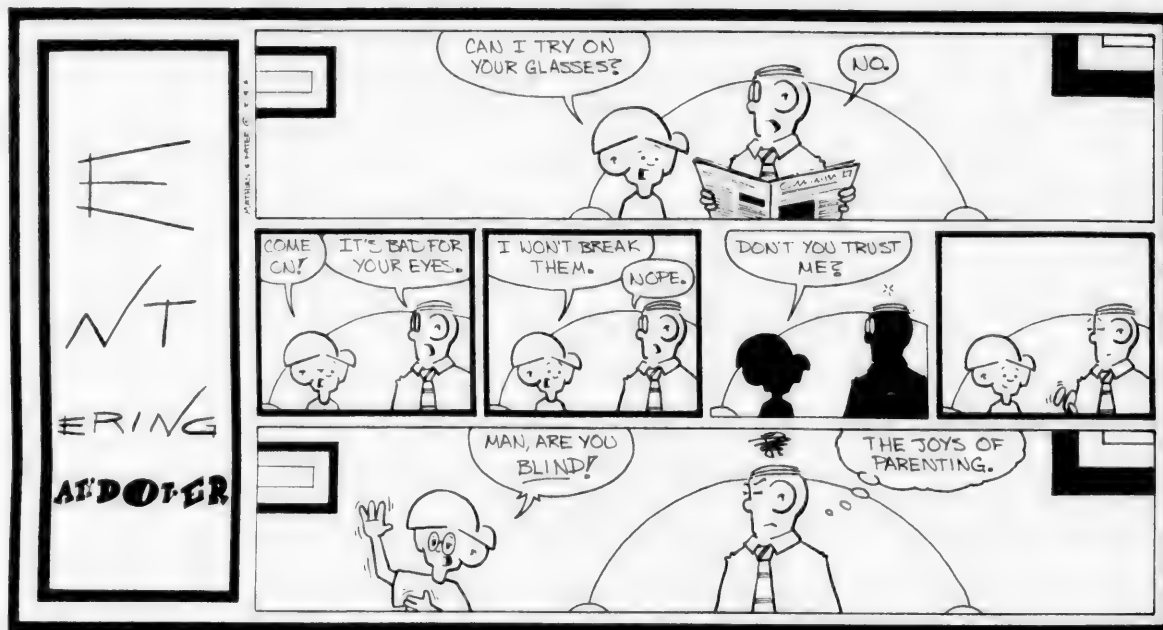
**Valentine brunch**, the Andover Senior Center will host a brunch featuring omelets, bacon, home fries, a cereal and fruit station, chicken Marsala, bagels, muffins and danish, dessert station, and beverages, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$6 (advance tickets required), Senior Center 36 Bartlet St.; 978-623-8321.

**ABC Open House**, the Andover Chapter of "A Better Chance" (ABC), the oldest chapter of this national nonprofit organization that recruits talented students of color to place them in outstanding independent and public schools, is hosting its annual open house, 3-5 p.m., free, mention where you saw this listing and receive a free gift; 134 Main St., Andover.

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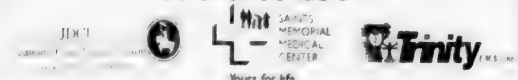
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meeting, 1 p.m., lower level of Memorial Hall Library, North Main St., at Elm Square; Charlotte Murphy 978-475-3732.

**Tsunami relief "tellation,"** storytellers will tell stories to raise funds to aid victims of the tsunami disaster, featuring Tony Toledo, Lani Peterson, Susan Lenoe and others, 2-4 p.m., tickets \$10 each or \$20 per family, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Academy Lane, North Andover; 978-623-7284 or Lani@Leadershipstories.com.

**Piano recital,** a program for two pianos that includes Mozart's *Sonata*, the 20th-century classic, Polenc's *Sonata*, and Rheinberger's *Duo*, 3 p.m., performed by David F. Sears and Permelia Sears, \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355.

**Lithuanian anniversary,** the Lawrence Chapter of the Lithuanian American Council Inc. will celebrate the 87th anniversary of Lithuanian independence with a Mass followed at noon by a civil observance at the Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, featuring food, entertainment, and speeches, \$7 tickets for dinner available at the door, One Jackson St., Lawrence; Jonas Stundzia 978-685-4478.

**Live jazz,** The Three Tenors, Jim Porcella, Steve Martin, and Jack Alessi, plus a trio, 1:30-4:30 p.m., \$10 at the door, Sahara Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

**Gallery talk,** "The Ash Can Girl: John Sloan, George Bellows, Robert Henri, and George Luks in the Addison Collection," led by Addison Director Brian T. Allen, 2 p.m., free, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

**Artist's reception,** "The Winner's Circle," an exhibition of work produced by artists who have been awarded first-, second-, and third prizes in the Brush Art Gallery and Studio Members' Juried Exhibition are introduced, 2-4 p.m., show runs through March 13; free admission, 256 Market St., Lowell; Eileen Byrne 978-459-7819, www.the-brush.org.

## Monday, Feb. 14

**Congressional breakfast,** with congressmen Martin Meehan and John Tierney, "The Challenges Facing the United States in 2005: How Is Your Business Impacted?" sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, 7:30-9 a.m., \$20 members, \$30 non-members, Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.; 978-686-0900.

**Parents' Night Out at the "Y,"** Mom and Dad can enjoy some time to themselves while the kids have fun at the Andover/ North Andover YMCA, playing games, making crafts, swimming, and eating pizza for dinner, 6:30-9 p.m., \$8 for YMCA family members, \$16 for general members, and \$20 for non-members, 165 Haverhill St.; 978-685-3541.

**I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change,** 2004-05 Performing Arts Series presentation, 8 p.m., tickets \$27.50-46.50, group rates available, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 400 Merrimack St., Lowell; tickets at box office 978-454-2299 or www.lowellauditorium.com.

**"Look Good, Feel Better,"** seminar sponsored by the Greater Lawrence unit of the American Cancer Society, teaches patients with cancer hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatment, participants receive a free makeup kit, noon-2 p.m., free but registration is required, Caritas Holy Family Hospital, 70 East St., Methuen; Gail Palermo 978-687-0156, Ext. 2021.

## Tuesday, Feb. 15

**Go Fish at the library,** "Game Fish Grand Slam," presented by Russ



Russ Vitalo

Vitalo, fishing guide in Massachusetts and New York, and host of the televised fishing show, *Fishing Where You Are*; Vitalo will show his latest video and discuss fishing for bass, muskellunge and crappies, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library and the Friends of the Library, part of *Fish On! Andover 2005*, the sixth annual February series of fishing programs and exhibits, 7 p.m., video at 6:30 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Norma Gammon 978-623-8400.

**Archaeology talk,** "Historical Geoarchaeology: Notes on 19th

Century Central Park, New York City," presented by Suanna Shelby, sponsored by the Massachusetts Archaeological Society, 7:30 p.m., free, R.S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

**Stitchers' deadline,** those already pre-registered will make a delightful treasure box using plastic canvas, watercolors, and pearl cotton, reminder that children must be accompanied by an adult who can help with the stitching, Embroiderers Guild of America, Merrimack Valley Chapter, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 978-893-0959, or neonflamingo.com/ega-mvc.

**Stitchers' deadline,** registration deadline for silk ribbon project to be crafted on April 30: 7-inch decorated cones, once used as Christmas decorations but now hung on the guestroom doorknob and filled with toothbrushes, soaps, chocolate, anything you can imagine, Embroiderers Guild of America, Merrimack Valley Chapter, all-day workshop 9 a.m.-4 p.m., kits are \$65, chips and beverages provided to all participants, lunch available at \$8, Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Pat Timpanaro 781-665-4118, or neonflamingo.com.

**Live jazz,** The Ferdinand Argente Trio, with Ferdinand Argente at the piano, Lello Molinari on bass, and Marcelo Pelletieri on drums, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5, Sahara Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

## Wednesday, Feb. 16

**Informational session for parents of eighth-graders,** the math and science departments of Andover High School will host a presentation about the new math and science courses available in the 2005-06 school year, 7-8:30 p.m., Andover High School Cafe; Donna Pappalardo 978-623-8615.

**Cultural Ops in Lowell,** Stephanie Jones McCarthy, Executive Director of the Cultural Organization of Lowell, will discuss cultural opportunities in Lowell, sponsored by Learning in Retirement Association, a program for retired and semi-retired residents of the Merrimack Valley, free and open to all, 10 a.m.-noon, Fox Hall on the North Campus of University of Massachusetts Lowell; 978-934-3135.

## Thursday, Feb. 17

**Chinese New Year,** the Andover Senior Center will host an afternoon celebration featuring entertainment by the Chinese Cultural Exchange, followed by a buffet supper, 4-6 p.m., \$5 advance tickets required, Senior Center 36 Bartlett St.; 978-623-8321.

**Caregiver workshop,** "Dealing with Memory Loss in Our Loved Ones," sponsored by the Interfaith Caregivers of the Merrimack Valley, will offer help with areas such as communications skills, conflict, and inappropriate behaviors, 5-6:30 p.m., free, Pastoral Center at St. Michael Parish, 196 Main St., North Andover; Anne Daly 978-686-4050.



Edith Stein

**Edith Stein,** one-night-only performance of the acclaimed play that tackles a controversial topic that raises many of the complex and problematic themes in the ongoing Jewish-Christian dialog, 8 p.m., \$12-\$15, \$5 with valid student ID, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College; 978-837-5355.

**Poetry reading,** Powow River Poets monthly reading, featuring James Najarian and Deborah Warrenand, followed by an open mic, 7:30 p.m., free, Newburyport Arts Association Gallery, 65 Water St., Newburyport; Lois Frankenberger 978-470-0040 or www.newburyportart.org.

## Friday, Feb. 18

**Author book discussion,** Wade Davis, noted plant explorer, ethnobotanist, photographer, and author, will discuss his book, *Light at the Edge of the World: A Journey through the Realm of Vanishing Cultures*, 7 p.m., free, Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy, 5 Chapel Ave.; for information, call the R.S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology 978-749-4490.

**Concert,** "Strike Up the Bands," a presentation of the Phillips Academy music department and ensembles, featuring a classical program of music by Rimsky-Korsakov, Dvorak, Mozart, and Saint-Saens, 7 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St.; Elisa Martyn 978-749-4263.

**Family night at the YMCA,** a family can work as a team to build their very own rocket ship to launch into space, followed by family swim, refreshments, all at the Andover/ North Andover YMCA, 6:30-9 p.m., free for YMCA family members, \$2 for general members, and \$5 for non-members, 165 Haverhill St.; pre-register 978-685-3541.

**Friday night Jazz Room,** "A-NO-NE Band," doors open at 7 p.m., music 8 p.m., \$7 cover, The Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; Kristen Dinsmore 978-388-9444.

## Saturday, Feb. 19

**Master Class performs,** renowned cellist Lynn Harrell, the 2004-05

Kayden Guest Artist, will conduct an open Master Class at Phillips Academy, 2 p.m., free, Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St.; Elisa Martyn 978-749-4263.

**Rock for a Cause Concert 2005,** charity concert organized by students to raise money for VHI Save the Music Foundation, performers include Todd Martin, Jon Frederik Band, AJ Edwards, and many more, playing "unplugged" (acoustic), doors open at 6:30 p.m., show 7 p.m., tickets \$10, reserve tickets by e-mail to RFACTix@gmail.com; Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5508.

**John & Jen,** a musical story of one family's journey through the last half of the 20th century, written by award-winning composer Andrew Lipa with Tom Greenwald, opening, 7:30 p.m., with performances through Sunday, March 6, on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m., tickets \$32, \$27 seniors, \$16 students (under 18 or with valid student ID), Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; tickets at box office 781-279-2200 or www.stonehamtheatre.org.

**Singles dance,** Parents Without Partners (PWP), not limited to parents, refreshments, 8 p.m.-midnight, \$6 before 8:30 p.m., \$8 after 8:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 357 Great Road (Routes 4 & 225), Bedford, Mass.; Joanne McGovern 978-667-3834 or www.PWPg17.com.

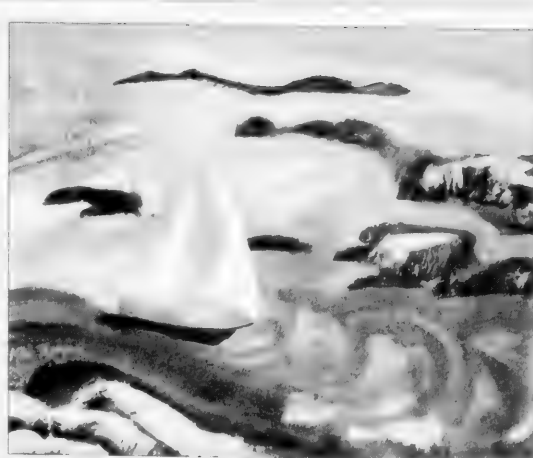
**Baby-Fest,** tips and information on nursery design, child safety, and child development, noon-4 p.m., free, Babies "R" Us, 447 South Broadway, Salem, N.H.; Mary Ellen Hollins 603-893-4063 or www.babiesrus.com.

## Sunday, Feb. 20

**Guest artist in concert,** renowned cellist Lynn Harrell is the 2004-05 Kayden Guest Artist, will perform with Phillips Academy students, faculty, and the Academy Chamber Orchestra, a classical program of music by J.S. Bach, Hindemith, Beethoven, and Saint-Saens, 3 p.m., free but ticket is required, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St.; Elisa Martyn 978-749-4263.

**Live jazz,** The Gerry Barrett 16-piece Special edition Swing Band, 1:30-4:30 p.m., \$7 at the door, Sahara Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

**Antique Radio,** indoor flea market for nothing but radios from the 1920s to the 1960s, sponsored by the Greater Boston Antique Radio Collectors, 8 a.m.-noon, \$10 admission (exhibitors add \$30 per table to admission fee), Westford Regency Inn, Westford (I-495, exit 32); Pat Wedge 866-371-0512.



Mike Thompson's "The Eye of a Sailor: Seascapes and Coastal Landscapes of New England" will be shown at the Newburyport Art Association, 65 Water St., Newburyport, from Feb. 24 through March 2. Above is his oil painting *Running Jaquish Gut*. The show includes a reception Saturday, Feb. 26. For complete show hours, call 978-465-8769.

## Ongoing

## Art Exhibitions

## Addison Gallery of American Art

*Eye on the Coast: Seascapes and Coastal Landscapes of New England* will be shown at the Newburyport Art Association, 65 Water St., Newburyport, from Feb. 24 through March 2. Above is his oil painting *Running Jaquish Gut*. The show includes a reception Saturday, Feb. 26. For complete show hours, call 978-465-8769.

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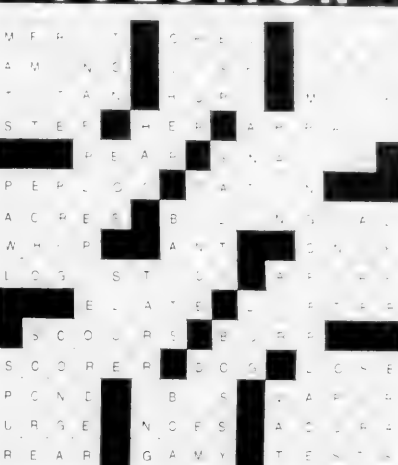
## Alpers Fine Art of Andover

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, 100 Main St., Andover, is featuring a collection of American art, including seascapes, still lifes, and portraits that span 200 years of art history. The collection includes works by J.M.W. Turner, John Constable, and J.M.W. Turner. The collection is available for viewing at the gallery, 100 Main St., Andover, from February 10 to March 10, 2005. For more information, call 978-683-9200.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, 175 Main St., Andover, is featuring a collection of American art, including seascapes, still lifes, and portraits that span 200 years of art history. The collection includes works by J.M.W. Turner, John Constable, and J.M.W. Turner. The collection is available for viewing at the museum, 175 Main St., Andover, from February 10 to March 10, 2005. For more information, call 978-749-4490.

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people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only; free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

**Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography.** Main Gallery: *We Skate Hardcore*, a collection of photographs and video images by Vincent Cianni capturing the lives of young inline skaters from Brooklyn, through Feb. 3; Emerging Artist Gallery: *Perfect Intimacy*, images from life in a convent by Lili Almog, through Feb. 20; Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

**Brush Art Gallery.** "The Winner's Circle" is an exhibition of work produced by artists who have been awarded first, second, and third prizes in the Brush Art Gallery and Studio Members' Juried Exhibition

Featured through March 13 are first-prize winner Robert Pyle, second-prize winner Claire Gagnon, and third-prize winner Eugene Monosson; free admission, 256 Market St., Lowell; Eileen Byrne 978-459-7819, www.thebrush.org.

**Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School.** gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

**Whistler House Museum of Art.** Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

**Churchill Gallery.** an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

**Essex Art Center.** *This Is How We Float*, solo exhibit of mixed-media paintings and sculpture by Jeff Badger in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, through Feb. 25; *Against*

*the Grain*, furniture and sculpture by Kate Hasskari, Didier Kouassi, and Dale Rogers on exhibit in the Main Gallery, through Feb. 25; gallery hours Monday, 3-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

**Memorial Hall Library.** Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mnhl.org.

**McCoy Gallery.** Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**Sakowich Campus Center.** at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**McQuade Gallery.** located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Fri-

## 'What I Did For Love' dinner-cabaret

## Serenade your valentine...

Lowell Opera Company is planning its first-ever dinner-cabaret this Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the East Side Social Club, 15 West 4th St., Lowell.

"What I Did For Love" will feature Andover natives Christina Puntoni, a soprano, and tenor Evan Denmark; Lowell native Judith Lemoine, known for her torch songs; Billerica native Andy Bonanno, who has appeared on stage, in opera, on television (*Rescue 911*, *Spenser for Hire*) and in feature film roles; Nashua newcomer Joelle Morris; and LOC favorite Tom Weber.



Christina Puntoni



Evan Denmark

Music selections will include pieces from the very best of opera and Broadway: *West Side Story*, *My Fair Lady*, *La Boheme*, *Les Miserables*, *Tosca*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *South Pacific*, *Faust*, *Cavalleria Rusticana*.

*Damn Yankees* and more... all pieces on a love and romance theme, organizers said.

Tickets for the event must be purchased in advance by calling 978-441-6926 or through the Web site www.operalowell.org using MVArts, and are \$25 each for dinner and the show.

"Treat your valentine to an outstanding evening of entertainment," organizers said. Dinner will include salad, rolls, entree of chicken or fish, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, dessert choices of cherry cheesecake or chocolate decadence, coffee and tea. Optional bar service will be available.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## VALENTINE'S DAY

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- 1 cup cake flour (do not substitute regular flour)
- 1/3 cup unsweetened Dutch process cocoa powder

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In the large bowl of an electric mixer beat the egg whites until foamy. Add the cream of tartar, vanilla and salt. Continue beating, adding the sugar until peaks are firm but still shiny. Set aside.

2. In a small bowl whisk together the flour and cocoa powder. Pour this mixture onto the egg whites and carefully fold to incorporate.

3. Spoon the mixture into the tube pan and smooth the top of the cake. Bake at 325 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Remove from the oven and invert the pan. Cool completely.

## FOR THE CHOCOLATE GANACHE:

- 5 ounces Hershey's raspberry semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup heavy cream

1. Pour the cream into a small pot. Bring to barely a boil. Remove from the heat.

2. Add the chips to the cream and let sit until all the chocolate is melted. Stir to blend. Chill thoroughly. This ganache will

thicken slightly as it chills, but still will be loose. There will be more than enough for the cake.

## FOR THE RED RASPBERRY COULIS:

- 1/2 pint red raspberries (fresh or thawed frozen berries)
- 1 tbsp. sugar (may substitute no-calorie sweetener)
- 1 1/2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice, or more to taste

1. Combine all ingredients in a blender. Blend at high speed. Set aside.

2. If you want to strain the coulis and remove the seeds, then now's your chance.

## TO ASSEMBLE THE CAKE:

1. Cut around the edges of the cake and remove the tube section from the outer wall. Now cut around the center tube and along the bottom edge; carefully slide the cake off the tube.

2. Slice the cake into three layers. Set the top layer aside. Pour a small amount of the ganache over the bottom layer. Spread evenly with the back of a spoon. The cake will absorb a lot of the ganache.

3. Place the middle layer on top and again add the ganache. Spread evenly.

4. Top with the third layer. Surround each slice with a

generous swirl of red raspberry coulis.

## VARIATIONS:

1. Spread the cake layers with raspberry jam. Then drizzle each slice with some ganache and coulis.

2. Cut the cake in two layers rather than three. Spread with ganache and top with the coulis.

3. Spread the raspberry coulis over the layers and surround each slice with some ganache. This inverted treat is equally delicious.

4. Instead of using a tube pan, try individual mini-cakes! These are perfect for portion control, since one mini-cake equals one serving. Spray a 12-cup muffin tin with non-stick spray with flour. Reduce the baking time to 20 minutes. Cool right-side up, then slice into layers and spread with ganache and coulis.

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**Senior Center artists.** talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

**Lorica Arts.** gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, celebrating the holiday season with an art show called "Wondrous Gifts," featuring new work from Irish and American artists; gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, as well as by appointment; 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829.

**Photography show at Starbucks.** "Advanced Photography #3," the third show of this type in the last four years, features work of the Andover High Advanced Photography class (and one from their teacher) from the last semester, through the end of February; all works are professionally presented, both framed and matted; Starbucks, Main Street; Jonathan Wachs 617-524-4242.

**Walsingham Gallery.** works by artists J.C. Airoidi, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazzulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday,

noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

**Montserrat College of Art Gallery.** Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment, Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242, Ext. 1319.

**Evos Arts Gallery.** free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evovarts.com.

**Flint Memorial Library.** 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

**Churchill Gallery.** Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

**The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden.** Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

**Cape Ann Historical Museum.** Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

**The Saltbox Gallery.** gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

**Nevins Memorial Hall.** 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

**J. David Broudo Gallery of Art.** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

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**Laura Coombs Hills Gallery.** gallery hours: Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 60 Water St., Newburyport; 978-670-9102, www.newburyport-art.org.

**Mingo Gallery.** Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

**Arlington Center for the Arts.** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

**Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy.** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

**Bravos Arts Gallery.** Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

**Ayer Lofts Art Gallery.** a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursday, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; 978-970-3556 info@ayerlofts.com.

**River Gallery.** Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

**Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts.** gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298.

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978-465-8769.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, Pirate's Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Erlich Gallery, featuring an exhibition of Ursula Brenner's award-winning pastels and David Harri-

son's oils, through March 16, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Newburyport Art Association, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, 65 Water St.,

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*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, 2004-05 Performing Arts Series presentation, Monday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m., tickets \$27.50-46.50, group rates available, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 400 Merrimack St., Lowell; tickets at box office 978-454-2299 or [www.lowellauditorium.com](http://www.lowellauditorium.com)

*Late Night Catechism II*, opens Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., runs daily (except Mondays) through Sunday, Feb. 27, additional matinee performances (see Web site) tickets \$27, \$22 groups of 15 or more, Smith Baker Center Theatre, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; tickets at box office 978-454-2299 or [www.lowellauditorium.com](http://www.lowellauditorium.com)

*John & Jen*, a musical story of one family's journey through the last half of the 20th century, written by award-winning composer Andrew Lipka with Tom Greenwald, opens Thursday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m., with performances through Sunday, March 6, on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m., tickets \$32, \$27 seniors, \$16 students (under 18 or with valid student ID), Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; tickets at box office 781-279-2200 or [www.stonehamtheatre.org](http://www.stonehamtheatre.org)

## Museums and Historic Homes

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## CUCKOO FOR 'KOKONUTS'



At a rehearsal of *Kokonut Kapers* at Wood Hill Middle School, the owner of the island Cordelia Hawkins played by Sarah Brown (in the center of the photo) is surrounded by her children in the show. Kneeling in front is Kelly Fox (at left) and Sam Nieves (at right). In the back row (from left) are Charlie Nickerson, Nicole McKirley, Sarah McNamara and Meghan Burke. The curtain will open for *Kokonut Kapers* tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 11. There will be an encore performance the following night. Tickets are available for \$6 in advance at the school office, and \$8 at the door.

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Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century; current exhibit is entitled *Wonder and Whimsy*, photographs by Dianne E. DeLucia, show will run through April 8, part of Andover Historical Society's Contemporary Andover Artists Series. On Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m., the public is invited to "Meet the Artist." Exhibit in the Meeting Room: *Founding Farms*, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, with photographs by Stan Sherer and text by Michael E. C. Gery. *Founding Farms* documents the long lives of five of the oldest farms in Massachusetts, including North Andover's Barker Farm; open Tuesdays through Sat-

urdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

**Boott Cotton Mills Museum**, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

**New England Quilt Museum**, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

**Lawrence Heritage State Park**, daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., admission free, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-794-1655.

**Wenham Museum**, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

**Museum of Printing**, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring world's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines, as well as the world's largest library of printing-

related books and documents; in addition, the museum recently acquired the extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The two 90-foot galleries, library and four floors of archival stacks are all available to the public, \$5 admission, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

**Custom House Maritime Museum**, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

**North Andover Historical Society**, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home

and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

**Peabody Essex Museum, Island Thresholds, Contemporary Art from the Caribbean**, an exhibit of 13 works of art by four current artists opening Feb. 19, through June 5; *In Nature's Company*, featuring works by more than 20 Massachusetts artists who rely on nature for their creative source, through Sept. 18; Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass.; 978-755-1876 or 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

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## Glory continues its Thursday night dinner jazz entertainment

GLORY, located at 19 Essex St., announced this week that Thursday night dinner jazz will continue this season with a new line-up of musical performers.

Doug Leaffer, a North Andover tenor saxophonist leads a jazz duo in Glory's "blue room" every Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m., performing with local and regionally-known jazz guitarists and pianists.

Leaffer, who has been playing saxophone at Glory since the fall of 1999, shortly after the restaurant opened, presents jazz standards from the great American songbook, tailored to the "soft-music and candlelight" listening tastes of Glory's dinner patrons.

According to Leaffer, "for five seasons, Andover guitarist Troy Nielsen and I presented jazz at Glory for appreciative patrons of the restaurant, even developing a small local following. Troy and his family recently relocated to Atlanta and I am excited to continue to perform at Glory Thursday nights with new, invited guest musicians, some of whom are among Boston's finest and best known jazz guitarists and pianists."

The musicians performing Thursday nights at Glory with him include guitarists Norman Daoust, Mark Michaels and Brad Ellenberg, and pianists Don Hemwall and Paul Gange.

Organizers describe Glory as "a hip suburban outpost where live jazz, glowing yellow walls, and candles create a comfortable haven for first dates, anniversaries, and everything in between."

Operated by general manager Adrienne Sarkisian and featuring the Mediterranean-influenced cuisine of chef Corinna Mozo (formerly of Truc and Chez Henri), Glory's three different dining areas offer something for everyone, Sarkisian said. "The large, low-ceilinged bar is a great spot for quiet conversation; a lounge-like living room area is slightly more festive and features a separate menu; and the two comfortable dining rooms exude elegance."

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# Business

## BRIEFS

### Fitness Together claims new exercise-studio approach

Lisa Swanson, owner of Fitness Together, the new personal training studio at 166 North Main St., says her studio offers something this community has not seen before — no lines, no waiting for equipment and no unwanted stares.

"With private training suites and the full attention of a personal trainer, a client will experience the Fitness Together motto of 'One Client, One Trainer, One Goal' and will look and feel better than they ever have before," according to Swanson.

Swanson has been working in the fitness industry for more than 20 years. She is a certified personal trainer through the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America, a certified group fitness instructor through American Council on Exercise, and has a certification in CPR with the American Red Cross. Swanson has spent the past 12 years working one on one with clients.

### Cable show focuses on drugs

The Massachusetts School of Law, in cooperation with the Essex County Sheriff's Office and the Salem, Mass., Police Department, has just produced a one-hour television program that examines the explosive growth in the illegal use of drugs in this country by young people and baby boomers. The show, an MSL "Educational Forum" presentation, will air on CN8, the Comcast Network in New England, this Sunday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m.

"Seven percent of all Americans reported they used illicit drugs in the past 30 days," said Diane Sullivan, an MSL professor who co-produced and hosted the program. "Even worse is the self-reported drug use by city and suburban high school students."

The growing abuse of prescription drugs, illegal drug use by teenagers, current drugs of choice, and treatment and sentencing issues were addressed by Sullivan and her guests: Captain Paul Tucker of the Salem Police Department, and an attorney and MSL graduate; Larry Larsen, Andover psychologist and author, and Professor Michael L. Coyne, MSL associate dean.

### Valentines Day at Marland

A full day of events is planned for Marland Place residents on Feb. 14.

Starting at 10:15 a.m., Tricia Gervais will be entertaining the residents with a variety of love songs. At 11:15 a.m., members of the Lowell Spinners organization will be delivering valentines to residents. At 3:15 p.m., the Life Long Friendship Club from Andover High School will be visiting Marland Place to make valentines and lollipops.

### Adams to help direct Boston's Animal Rescue League

The Animal Rescue League of Boston, a private, non-profit humane organization dedicated to rescuing domesticated animals and wildlife from suffering, abandonment and neglect, has announced the appointment of Thomas M. Adams as associate director of public relations. Adams will be responsible for directing ARL's marketing, media relations and external communications. Prior to joining ARL, he held a series of management posts at Hertz, American Express and the Parsons Corp.

Founded by Anna Harris Smith in 1899, the Animal Rescue League of Boston provides an umbrella of emergency rescue, law enforcement, veterinary care, shelter and adoption services through its network of facilities in Boston, Dedham, Pembroke and Brewster.

Adams and his wife, Susan reside in Andover. He is a member of the Andover Recycling Committee.

### Lambers on the radio

Former resident William Lambers has had two commentaries on the public radio and Voice of America program *Talking History*. The first commentary, which aired in mid-January, dealt with a nuclear weapons free zone treaty in the Middle East. During the second commentary, which aired the week of Jan. 31, Lambers discussed the possibility of an "open skies" aerial observation agreement between India and Pakistan.

Lambers is a writer for the History News Service and the author of the new book *The Road to Peace: From the Disarming of the Great Lakes to the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty*. Lambers is also the author of the book *Nuclear Weapons*. He resided in Andover for 15 years. Currently, Lambers resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Banking on a historical address

Enterprise Bank's renovation at least delayed as abutters appeal town approval

By Judy Wakefield

Enterprise Bank's renovation plan for its proposed new location at 8 High Street has approval from the Andover planning and preservation boards, and the state's preservation commission. The former tenants at 8 High St. have cleared out, including the dental practice of Dr. Kevin Bagnall, who rented space in a rear building at 8 High St. for many years. His office relocated to Haverhill Street earlier this month.

But, it will be awhile before the renovation begins, as abutters of the site are appealing the Andover Planning Board's October approval of the special permit for the renovation job.

An appeal has been made by abutters Teriz Hagopian and Ida Boodakian of 12 High St., and the case was in Massachusetts Land Court last Thursday. Traffic issues are at the center of the case. The owners of 12 High St. want some relief from the current access to the property at 10 High St., which goes through their driveway. Court documents say "the present access to 10 High St. over the plaintiff's property at 12 High St. created an unsafe condition" and "an easement would alleviate the existing traffic issues." They want the bank's renovation plan to include the easement.

Hagopian's son answered the telephone when the abutters were called for comment. He said he needed to speak to his lawyer before commenting publicly on the case. He did not call back before Townsman press time.

Meanwhile, bank officials and the developer's lawyer are optimistic that the abutter's appeal will be dismissed. The developer's lawyer, Mark Johnson, explained that court transcripts will be reviewed by both parties and the presiding judge. The judge will have an additional 30 days to make a decision.

Bob Gelman, who handles real estate transactions for Enterprise Bank, said it was "premature to say when we will open."

He is confident the planning board's approval and the abutter's rejection would mean renovations would start soon.

Zoned in the town's general business district, the historic 8 High St. building is being watched by the Preservation Committee. Preservation chairwoman Karen Herman has seen the bank's renovation plans and supports



An appeal by abutters means Enterprise Bank officials will have to delay tackling the renovation plans their company has the 8 High St. building it soon hopes to call a branch.

them.

"The historical integrity of the house is important," she said. "A survey was done back in the late 1970s, and this was among the cream of the crop."

She said the home, known as the Punchard House, has a prominent downtown location at the intersection of High, Elm and Main streets, and she is thrilled that the bank is restoring it. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"Benjamin Punchard was very prominent and he built the house and lived there. It's a landmark building downtown," Herman said.

She said the renovation plans by Enterprise Bank were reviewed "extensively" by her committee and the state's historical commission. "The state went over everything, too, and it's going to be a great building," Herman said.

Andrea Gregory contributed to this story.



Kevin and Nancy Bagnall are among the business owners who have moved out of 8 High St. to make room for Enterprise. Their Family Dentistry is now at 16 Haverhill St.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Suma at home joins Olde Andover Village

Downtown shoppers looking for clothes and other items for themselves, can now find something new and different for their homes. That's the hope of Suna at home, a new store in Andover offering home accessories, furnishings, and gift items from specialty designers and manufacturers.

Located behind the Andover Book Store, Suna at home is the idea of Lynn Alexander. Alexander recently moved to Andover and discovered there was nowhere in town offering the type of home-related items found in downtown suburban markets such as Wellesley, Concord, and Newburyport.

"Having worked in home furnishings for a number of years I realized Andover could use a home-accessories store, something that could replace a long trip out of town," said Alexander in a release.

Alexander's experience has taken her from New York City, working for Laura Ashley and Ralph Lauren Home, to Boston where she opened the first Pottery Barn on Newbury Street. She also

managed one of the first HomeGoods stores in Massachusetts and worked in boutique stores in Chestnut Hill and Needham. "I was also fortunate enough to have worked in the wholesale gift and furnishings business in New York.

Some of my current vendors are names I brought with me from that experience," she said.

Alexander reports she "strives to provide high quality products that offer a signature appeal." She is the only area provider of J.M.

Paquet, an upholstered furniture manufacturer.

Suna at home offers rugs from Angela Adams, decorative plates, candles, and soaps from Mudlark, and a variety of accessory items from Tracey Porter — one of the new up-and-coming lifestyle designers featured in designer magazines and on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*.

"I want the store to be a part of a person's weekly visit into town. I have everything from gift items of stationary, candles, and picture frames to rattan arm chairs and coffee tables. It's my hope Suna at home will be the place you can feel good about finding something that is unique and of great quality for the home — all at the convenience and personal service expected in downtown Andover," said Alexander.

Suna at home is located in Olde Andover Village, 93 Main St., behind the Andover Book Store. The store is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Lynn Alexander hopes downtown shoppers will make her home accessories store, Suna at home, a regular stop.

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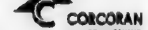




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